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Monica Lewinsky is driven to her attorneys' office in Washington yesterday. (AP)

Sources: Lewinsky to testify Clinton discussed cover-up

By LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monica Lewinsky is prepared to testify that she and President Bill Clinton discussed ways of concealing a sexual relationship, legal sources say.

Lewinsky's account to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors is that "she and the president were talking about cover stories for their relationship, as two people in such situations frequently do; how to keep it secret," one source said Tuesday night.

For example, said the sources, Lewinsky, 25, says she and the president agreed that one way to explain the former intern's frequent visits to the Oval Office area would be to say she was

going to see presidential secretary and friend Betty Currie. Clinton did offer that explanation in sworn testimony for a lawsuit. With reporters pressing for comment at a White House briefing yesterday, press secretary Mike McCurry played down the reports.

"There's a reason to be skeptical about all of this. You don't know what she's going to testify to until she testifies," he said. Starr is investigating whether Clinton and Lewinsky lied when they denied under oath that they had a sexual relationship; whether Clinton asked her to testify falsely; and whether the president and others tried to obstruct the investigation.

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Labor MKs want Orr out

Former general fails to retract slurs against Sephardim

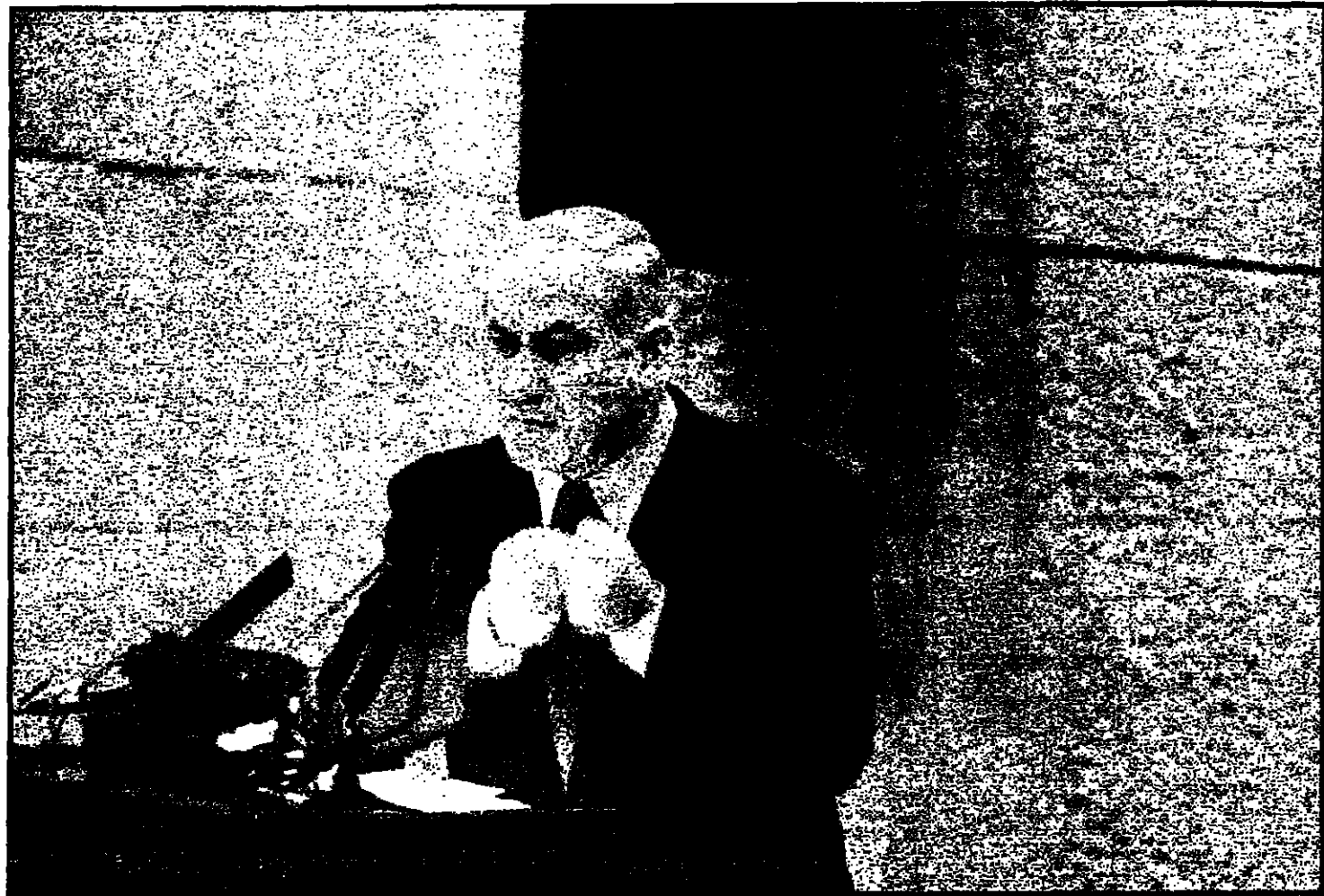
By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor Party officials warned yesterday that party leader Ehud Barak must persuade MK Ori Orr to resign his seat, following his derogatory remarks about Sephardim, if Barak wants to win an early election.

Barak suspended Orr from some party duties, including a planned trip to the US to meet with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. But he postponed further action over Orr's remarks in an *Ha'aretz* interview yesterday, saying: "I am against using the political guillotine."

"A colleague who has failed should be allowed to decide on his next step by himself," Barak added.

Orr's statements, which were universally branded as racist, triggered off a political furor which dominated the Knesset's agenda, including an address by Prime



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the Knesset yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

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Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who used Orr's statements to blast the entire Labor Party.

"The problem," Orr explained in the *Ha'aretz* interview, "is that I cannot speak with these people like I do with others who are more Israeli in character. Every time you say something they immediately jump, are insulted and hurt, and begin to carry on." He singled out Israelis of Moroccan descent, saying they "have no curiosity to know what's happening around them and why."

Leading Labor MKs called for Orr's expulsion from the party. MKs Haim Ramon and Hagai Merom warned Barak that if he does not expel Orr from the party, he will have no party.

Orr's statements are perceived in Labor to have caused grave, possibly irreparable damage to the party, which has been making intensive efforts to rehabilitate its relations with the Sephardi communities. Merom called the remarks "a

mass terrorist attack on Labor's main street," while others called it "a shot in the foot."

"Orr will have to consult his own conscience regarding his political future," MK Uzi Baram said.

"But I, and others in the party, will have to tell him he won't be able to be with us in the party leadership. There is no room in the party for someone who makes statements like that."

MKs Ramon, Merom, Baram, and others are pressing Barak to expel Orr from the party or at least to remove him from all his party and Knesset duties.

Barak cannot fire Orr from his seat, but can suspend him from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and from the faction executive. These moves are now being considered.

Barak reprimanded Orr in most severe terms for what he had said, but seemed reluctant to take more drastic measures against Orr, a long-time army buddy and staunch political supporter from Barak's first days as Labor Party leader.

Nonetheless, Barak said Orr's statements had caused the party immeasurable damage, as well as harming the nation's unity, and said the party leadership will hold a penetrating debate on the issue.

"I denounce Orr's statements and call on him to take them back. There is no place for them in the party I'm leading to renew contact with all of the Israeli nation," Barak said.

"I'm convinced everyone in Labor objects to what Orr said. Every generalization is dangerous and misleading. We're all equal."

"Those of Moroccan descent are not only respected Labor members, they and all the Sephardim built the state with us. The essence of my [September 1997] apology was that the Sephardi immigrants of the '50s, who were sent by the state to the development towns and peripheral moshavim, were the real pioneers, who defended the state's borders and built the society," Barak said.

"I still remember what the Likud did to David Levy for years, and to Shaul Amur even in recent weeks," Barak continued. "You hear these [racist] tones in all the parties. We'll do everything to be a party of all the people and all the cultures. That's what makes us stronger and more human."

Orr called a press conference yesterday and apologized to the Moroccan community and anyone

else who was hurt, stressing "any generalization is wrong and racist. I had no intention of hurting anyone. All I wanted was to raise the problem of the lack of real dialogue between the ethnic communities. I failed."

"I, who was raised from soldier to general in the Armored Corps, the melting pot of the IDF, where I had friends from all over who fought alongside me, never had a double standard for anyone and never checked on anyone's origin. My anger was directed at those political functionaries who exploit the ethnic gap and pligh which are tearing the nation apart," Orr said.

He said that anyone who knows him or is familiar with his actions over the past decades knows he is not a racist.

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Ministry ombudsman urges serious health system changes

By JUDY SIEGEL

Significant changes are needed in the National Health Insurance Law and its implementation, said Health Ministry ombudsman Dr. Karyn J. Rubin, who formally presented the first annual ministry ombudsman's report to Health Minister Yehoshua Mizrahi yesterday.

The 150-page report, which Rubin called "very harsh," contains serious criticism not only of the four public health funds and the National Insurance Institute (NII), but also of the ministry itself.

Rubin, a veteran psychiatrist who was named ombudsman by the health minister in December, 1996 — two years after the deadline set by the National Health Insurance Law — urged the formation of a professional forum to decide what new drugs and technologies should be added to the basket of services, which was set in 1992 and is becoming obsolete.

Many patients suffering from life-threatening illnesses were unable to get vital drugs from their health fund because they were not included in the basket of health services.

In other cases, fulfilling the criteria for getting these drugs — such as proving that they had failed to respond to cheaper drugs — caused

major delays in treatment and led to their condition deteriorating and requiring even more expensive hospitalization and tests.

Some of the medications — for AIDS, diabetes, schizophrenia and multiple sclerosis — are now in the basket, but some patients are prevented from receiving them because of unrealistic medical criteria aimed at limiting costs, the ombudsman charged.

Rubin said lives and health were endangered by the NII's bureaucratic delays in confirming residency and identity numbers so

Health Ministry logs 21,460 complaints, Page 5

people can join a health fund. People whose cases were being investigated should have been given medical care in the interim, she declared.

Rubin also found a complete lack of uniformity among the various health funds regarding who is entitled to fertility treatments, the number of treatments, and within what age limits. She urged a professional committee to define the statistical chances for successful in-vitro fertilization based on a variety of parameters.

With over 20,000 complaints in one year, and an initial staff of two that has been expanded to only 15, writing the report was very difficult, Rubin said.

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Bills to dissolve Knesset pass early readings

By LIAT COLLINS

On the last day before the summer recess, the Knesset passed two bills on preliminary readings that call for the dissolution of the House and early elections.

The bills passed 60 to 6, with 1 abstention.

Most of the coalition boycotted the vote, in accordance with a decision by coalition whip Meir Sheetrit. Tsomet participated in the vote, objecting to the use of the boycott as a parliamentary tool, but it voted against dissolving the Knesset.

Among those who voted in favor of early elections was Likud MK Dan Meridor. It was the first time he had openly voted against the government instead of just not participating.

Similarly, all the Geshet MKs voted in favor, except for Michael Kleiner, head of the Land of Israel Front, who absented himself. And the three Third Way MKs voted in favor while party leader, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, was not present.

Molded leader Rehavam Ze'evi abstained.

Third Way MK Alex Lubozky said his party's vote was a message to Netanyahu to make progress on the peace process and improve his handling of the coalition. The Third Way is calling for a national unity government.

The bills were proposed by Meretz whip Haim Oron and Labor MKs Haim Ramon and Ra'anan Cohen.

These bills, for now, are merely a slap in the face of the govern-

ment. But they could establish a dynamic, to be acted upon after the three-month break. The bills have now been forwarded to the Knesset Law Committee, chaired by Hanan Porat (National Religious Party), a hard-line member of the Land of Israel Front.

If they are brought back to the plenum, they would need the support of 61 MKs in all three further readings to pass. If this happens, elections for both the Knesset and prime minister would have to be held within a 60-day period.

A regular no-confidence motion, which would have the same effect, requires just one vote, but also needs the support of 61 MKs.

Much of the debate on the bills ended up focusing on Labor MK Ori Orr's comments about Sephardim.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who was not originally scheduled to address the plenum, made a point of noting that his 17-member government is divided equally between Sephardi and Ashkenazi ministers, with Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi being of mixed Sephardi-Ashkenazi parentage.

Netanyahu said in the name of the government and people that no one would succeed in turning the clock back 50 years.

He accused Orr of trying to divide society and showing arrogance. Netanyahu said Israel's existence depends on its unity rather than its uniformity. And he called on Labor to change its ways.

He said that if Labor wants early

elections, it should consider who would support it and who has been alienated by it.

His speech was disrupted several times. Three MKs were removed.

Ramon accused the prime minister of exploiting Orr's statements and said Netanyahu might claim to

have been upset when he read them but really jumped for joy.

He recalled the comments Netanyahu had whispered to Rabbi Yitzhak Kadourie last October, that "The Left has forgotten what it is to be Jewish."

Ramon, however, also strongly criticized Orr, saying he should be

ostracized from public and political life.

Shas leader Aryeh Deri said he opposed holding elections now on the grounds they would emphasize divisions. He said he favors forming a national unity government to face the final-status talks with the Palestinians.

Orr's remarks will scar Labor

Political wags joked yesterday that after Labor MK Ori Orr's slurs against Sephardim, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, rather than fearing early elections, could start counting the extra votes.

Orr's statements, published yesterday in *Ha'aretz*, have wiped out any benefit that Labor Party leader Ehud Barak might have gained with his apology to Sephardim last September, "in the name of the Labor Party throughout the generations."

Barak then stressed the contribution of the Sephardi immigrants to the state in the early years, and the physical and psychological suffering they had faced.

These had not been sufficiently recognized by Labor and its predecessors, Mapai and the Alignment, Barak said, and expressed the hope that the apology would provide "a window to integration, cooperation and true equality in the future."

It was an attempt to wipe out the political damage of prior years, in which Labor was associated with statements like those of entertainer Dudu Topaz that the Sephardim are "chuch-chachim" (punks) and Mordechai Gur's threat: "We will screw you [the Sephardim] like we screwed the Arabs."

In the near term, Orr's statements deflected attention from the blow the government's prestige suffered when it failed yesterday to block the preliminary readings of bills calling for early elections.

In the longer term, the damage Orr has caused is sure to be felt whenever elections are held.

Labor under Barak has been making a determined effort to get rid of its elitist, Ashkenazi image. It has held its party conference in the Negev development town of Netivot and has made an effort to be felt in needy neighborhoods, helping sponsor workshops, courses and social activities there, both to attract new supporters and provide an alternative to Shas, the Sephardi religious party.

It would have been bad enough for Barak had some newcomer to the party made these remarks. But Orr was a senior Labor figure and known to be close to the Labor Party chairman.

Some Labor MKs called for Orr to be pressed to resign from the Knesset. Labor is more likely to take steps to remove him from positions of influence within the party.

Other suggestions raised include trying to recruit hundreds of Sephardim and new immigrants from the CIS to the party, perhaps including several hundred of them on the party's central committee.

Whatever action Labor takes, it will take a lot of effort to recover from the blow.

Orr, who came to politics after a long military career, opened his mouth and shot himself in the foot. The ricochet from the bullet has hit Labor and is bound to leave a scar.

ANALYSIS

By LIAT COLLINS



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NEWS

in brief

O.J.'s former house razed

O.J. Simpson's former Brentwood estate in Los Angeles, which became a magnet for tourists after the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, was crushed to bits yesterday by a bulldozer. Simpson was evicted last year from the 575 square-meter mansion. The investment banker who paid nearly \$4 million for the Rockingham Avenue estate wants to build a new house on the site, so the house and out-buildings were demolished in front of a horde of onlookers.

"It's not my house and I could care less. It's part of my past," Simpson said in a telephone interview. AP

Palestinians report 15 detained by IDF

The IDF has arrested 13 Palestinians from the Bethlehem area and two youths from Kafr Abbas near Tulkarm since Tuesday, Palestinian sources said yesterday. Two other youths detained earlier were released.

The IDF also imposed a curfew on Abbas yesterday. The families of all four Tulkarm youths have complained to the Palestinian Military Liaison committee, which in turn has also protested the detentions to the IDF. Mohammed Najib

Arafat to visit Turkey

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat will visit Turkey this week to hold talks on the stalled peace process, Turkish officials said in Ankara yesterday.

"He will come on July 31 for a one-day visit," foreign ministry spokesman Necati Utkan told a news briefing. Utkan said talks with Arafat would mainly focus on troubled Middle East peace talks. "Opportunities to improve the peace process and other regional subjects will be discussed," he said. Reuters

Hussein phones Netanyahu from hospital

Jordan's King Hussein telephoned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last night from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he is being treated for cancer, to thank him for sending flowers and get well wishes.

Netanyahu said all the Israeli people were praying with him for Hussein's recovery. He also said that Israel would today forward \$50 million that it owes to Jordan. Hussein asked about the peace process and Netanyahu replied that Israel is working for progress in it and thanked the king for his help. Itim

Man's remains found in Eilat

The body of a man in his 40s, in an advanced state of decay, was found yesterday afternoon in an abandoned building in Eilat. The building is in a residential neighborhood known as a drug den, where many homeless people live.

Police believe the man was a homeless drunk. There were no signs of violence on the body, which was brought to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir for an autopsy. Itim

NEWSLINE

with Avraham Diskin

Diskin is a political science professor at the Hebrew University

Was yesterday's preliminary passage of a bill to dissolve the Knesset a turning point for the government? Will it force it to move ahead with the redeployment?

It is a turning point but it's not the end of the government. Since 1973, all Knessets but one were dissolved before their terms were completed.

In the more distant Knesset history, in '51 and '62, the first and fourth Knessets were dissolved in mid-term. It's not really something new.

The crucial point is if there really are 61 members who are ready for early elections. As it gets later in the term, more Knesset members are motivated for early elections.

What is the significance of The Third Way and MK Dan Meridor having voted with the opposition?

It would be significant only on the second and third reading. The way The Third Way and Meridor voted gives us a hint about possible future developments. It shows that new centrist parties may form before the next election, with Meridor likely going in that direction.

Is there any chance that yesterday's vote will result in dissolving the Knesset or is it only a Pyrrhic victory for the opposition?

It opened a process, created a basis for something significant, but for the time being it's just demonstrative. But if we have a second redeployment, everything could change. It could either save the government or it could cause it to fall. That's what's important right now. Gil Hoffman

LEWINSKY

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The sources say Lewinsky also has told prosecutors that a much-discussed piece of evidence in the probe — the so-called "talking points" — arose out of discussions with her friend Linda Tripp.

Lewinsky said she typed the paper herself, based on her talks with Tripp, the sources said. She then gave the three-page memo to Tripp.

The "talking points" dealt with what Tripp might say — things favorable to Clinton — if she testified in a lawsuit regarding an alleged sexual advance by Clinton toward a White House volunteer, Kathleen Willey.

Tripp's attorney, Anthony Zaccagnini, said "no, absolutely not" today at the courthouse when told that Lewinsky had linked Tripp to the talking points. "We don't think the report has any validity."

Word that the talking points were generated by someone who doesn't work in the White House was the only favorable development for Clinton in a day of bad news.

"For six months, Starr and his allies promoted the talking points as the smoking gun of this investigation despite the fact that the White House had no involvement in them," White House spokesman

Jim Kennedy said yesterday. While the status of Clinton's possible testimony was unclear, there also were signs of movement on that front.

The president's private lawyer, David Kendall, and Starr's prosecutors attended a closed-door proceeding Tuesday in the courtroom of Chief US District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson.

The purpose was not clear, but it could signal an attempt by the president to delay testimony or quash the presidential subpoena.

One of Lewinsky's attorneys, Plato Cacheris, stood on a street corner outside his office Tuesday to announce that his client had agreed to provide "full and truthful testimony" to a grand jury.

Legal sources said she would say she had sexual relations with Clinton, contrary to his denials.

Lewinsky also is ready to testify about conversations with the president and others that could help Starr build a case of obstruction of justice against Clinton and his confidants, said the sources.

Lewinsky needs immunity from prosecution because she signed an affidavit in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, saying she did not have sexual relations with Clinton.

Giving a different account to Starr would mean she would have committed perjury, a felony, in one account or the other.

Indyk: Peace process is barely alive

By ALAN ELSNER

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Martin Indyk said yesterday the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is barely alive and that current talks between the parties could easily fail.

Indyk told a congressional com-

mittee that the current deadlock had cast a pall over the entire region and is hurting US credibility.

"The peace process is alive, but only just and with a still uncertain future," Indyk told the House of Representatives International Relations Committee.

Indyk said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition

government finds it exceedingly difficult to come to terms with the idea of ceding more territory, although a majority of the Israeli public supports the idea.

Indyk said that months of deadlock in negotiations had left Israelis and Palestinians so distrustful that they had lost the ability to deal with each other directly.

For that reason, the United States does not intend to intervene in the current talks, preferring to let the parties find a way to work out their differences on their own. "If they cannot resolve their differences on these issues, how are they going to resolve the extremely complex and sensitive issues involved in the final-status negoti-

ations," Indyk said. Indyk said the United States could not abandon the peace process, but that a time-out might be necessary if the current talks fail. He dismissed "Israeli-Egyptian efforts to convene an international peace conference, saying such an initiative was irrelevant at the moment."



A blessing on your head

A Jordanian woman in the city of Maan kisses the forehead of Crown Prince Hassan yesterday. Hassan went to the southern town to reassure the people of the health of his brother, King Hussein, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma in the US. (AP)

New Syrian army chief: Netanyahu blocking peace

By ISSAM HAMZA

DAMASCUS (Reuters) — The new chief of staff of Syria's armed forces, Major General Ali Asslan, accused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of blocking the peace process and warned that strength could not give Israel security.

Israeli leaders were mistaken if they thought military strength, aggression and occupation of land could give them security or peace, the official daily Al-Baath quoted him as saying yesterday.

The army chief, who assumed his job on July 5 following the retirement of former chief of staff Hikmat Shihabi, urged Arabs to

rally their resources to confront Israel.

He said the Syrian armed forces had made big progress in improving their capabilities and that work was under way to further modernize them.

"We are very proud of the high level of combat capability which our armed forces have reached. We affirm the need to redouble efforts to keep our forces ready to protect our lands," Asslan said.

The Syrian army chief condemned Turkey's increasing military cooperation with Israel.

"The government of (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin)

Netanyahu, which is determined to block the peace process, found a big opportunity to establish a suspicious alliance with some pro-American generals of the Turkish army," he said.

"This Turkish-Israeli alliance is aimed at controlling the Arab nation, threatening its national security and exerting pressure on Arabs in general and Syria in particular to accept expansionist Israeli plans," Asslan said.

The Syrian army chief also indirectly condemned Jordan for conducting military cooperation with Israel and Turkey, including participation in a recent joint naval exercise.

Fatah leaders urge halt in PA talks with Israel

By MOHAMMED NAJIB

Fatah officials called on the Palestinian Authority yesterday to withdraw from negotiations with Israel due to a lack of progress in the talks.

The talks were expected to resume again today after a day's recess.

Saeb Erekat, the PA Minister of Local Authorities, said that little progress has been achieved at the talks.

Marwan Barghouti, the Secretary General of Fatah in the

West Bank, told The Jerusalem Post that the negotiations have reached a deadlock.

He urged the PA to declare that the talks have failed because of Israeli intransigence and that there is a real crisis.

"Without the feeling of a real crisis in the negotiations, the world will not move to rescue the peace process," said Barghouti.

He has called on the EU and the UN to become involved in the process, saying the US "has no credibility" and is biased in favor of Israel.

who's asked EU, and UN to join in the peace process efficiency.

PLC member Ibrahim Abu Naja, a Fatah leader from Khan Yunis, said the PA should adhere to the US proposals as the Palestinian position in the talks with Israel.

Mohammed Hourani, a PLC member from Hebron, termed the talks with Israel "useless."

"I'm asking the Palestinian side to stop such meetings, and to active its efforts internationally, and with the Arab countries to put pressure on Israel," said Hourani.

US man accused of supplying Hizbullah goes AWOL

DETROIT (AP) — A man charged with trying to export night vision goggles and other equipment to Hizbullah in Lebanon has skipped a court hearing, triggering an FBI hunt.

The bond for Fawzi Mustapha Assi, 28, of Dearborn was revoked and a warrant was issued Tuesday for his arrest, said a secretary for US District Court Magistrate Judge Virginia Morgan.

Assi had been released on bond Friday over federal prosecutors' objections.

Morgan gave him a curfew, restricted his travel, ordered him to surrender his passport and placed him on an electronic tether, said the secretary, who would not

give her name. It was unknown if Assi actually turned in the passport, she said.

He faces federal charges of unlawfully providing support to a terrorist organization and the attempted unlawful export of equipment to Hizbullah.

Assi is among the first people in the US to be charged under a 1996 antiterrorism law, the Detroit Free Press said yesterday. He faces up to 30 years' imprisonment if convicted.

The charges say Assi tried to deliver seven night-vision goggles, a thermal-imaging camera and two global positioning modules to a representative of Hizbullah in Lebanon.

Assi's attorney, David Steingold, said Tuesday that he did not know where Assi was or why he missed the hearing.

"I'm disappointed. I'm surprised. I'm at a loss to explain," Steingold said. "I know only what I've been told, which is he left his home at 7:15 this morning and they've found his truck at the Ford plant."

Assi is a Ford Motor Co. engineer. A native of Lebanon who

came to the US at age 18, Assi is a US citizen and father of three.

Steingold said authorities presumed Assi had fled.

"I'm not in a position to confirm or contradict that," he said.

The FBI was searching for Assi, spokeswoman Dawn Moritz said Tuesday evening. A bench warrant had been issued for Assi, she said, but "beyond that I can't say what we're doing or what we intend to do."

"He never should have been allowed to go free after the US Attorney's Office provided compelling FBI testimony at his detention hearing last Friday," said Donald Cohen of the Anti-Defamation League.

Cohen said the court "clearly underestimated the sophistication and dedication of those who actively support and engage in terrorism."

Assi told the Free Press earlier that the federal government was "making something out of nothing" and that he had no connections to Hizbullah.

"I've been here 20 years and I'm very much a law-abiding citizen. I never hurt anybody," Assi said.

J'lem Committee to weigh ending ties with Israel

By ALI BOUZERDA

CASABLANCA (Reuters) — A senior Palestinian said yesterday that Muslim countries expect an imminent Jerusalem Committee meeting to take firm steps, including an economic embargo against Israel, to avoid "Judaization of the holy city."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser, Nabil Shaath, told reporters in Casablanca: "Muslim and Arab people expect our meeting here...

to take concrete measures, including an end to diplomatic normalization with Israel, an economic embargo, and strong financial support to the Palestinians." The 16-member committee, chaired by Moroccan King Hassan, was due to start meeting late last night in the royal palace here.

"Al-Quds [Jerusalem] is facing a real Judaization. The Muslim states should act quickly by all means to stop the Israeli government policy and relaunch the peace process," Shaath said.

He said contacts are already under way among foreign ministers, including those from Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Iran, the Palestinian Authority, and Syria to "unify their ranks and harmonize their positions."

Shaath said Israel had failed to meet its previous commitments towards the Palestinians, Syria, Arabs and the Middle East peace process as a whole. "Therefore the Jerusalem Committee should urge Arab and Muslim states to review their commitments in order to protect their interests and ensure a just and global peace in the region," he added.

Arafat arrived in Morocco on Tuesday to attend the two-day meeting.

"Some Muslim countries have relations with Israel. I think there should be some change to express the attitude of anger of the Islamic world. They [relations] cannot continue this way," said Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Khamenei in a brief statement yesterday.

Members of the committee are Bangladesh, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Syria, and the Palestinian Authority.

deal, but no more than I give myself."

Robbins' longest Broadway run occurred in the 1960s with arrival of *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1964. Taken from Sholem Aleichem's tales of Jewish peasant life in Russia, *Fiddler* — which starred Zero Mostel as the philosophical milkman, Teyve — became one of Broadway's biggest hits, running 3,242 performances.

Robbins was born Jerome Rabinowitz, October 11, 1918, in New York, the son of a corset manufacturer. He grew up in Weehawken, New Jersey, and later attended New York University, but he deserted college to find his way in dance.

At Ballet Theater, Robbins quickly graduated from the chorus to larger roles.

Robbins is survived by a sister, Sonia Cullinan; a niece, and a nephew. The funeral service will be private, and a memorial service will be announced later.

Jerome Robbins of 'Fiddler on the Roof' fame dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerome Robbins, choreographer and director whose career carried him between the Broadway of *West Side Story* and ballet classics like *Fancy Free*, died yesterday.

He was 79.

He died at his Manhattan home after suffering a stroke on Saturday, said Steve Miller, a spokesman for the New York City Ballet.

Robbins was a giant in both worlds, equally at home in the City Ballet, where he created most of his more than 30 ballets, and in the musical theater where he choreographed and/or directed such diverse works as *Gypsy*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The King and I*, *The Pajama Game* and *Peter Pan*.

Robbins had a reputation as a taskmaster, a perfectionist who never accepted second-best from anyone.

"I'm enormously demanding," he once said. "I ask for a great

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Orr remarks stir ethnic hornet's nest

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

A widespread public and political outrage erupted yesterday over Labor MK Ori Orr's disparaging statements about the country's Sephardi communities. Orr was quoted in an interview in *Ha'aretz* yesterday as saying that Sephardim, especially from Morocco, "have no curiosity to know what's happening around them and why," are unwilling to engage in self-criticism, and cannot deal with criticism from others.

Orr said it's impossible to have "a normal conversation with Sephardi MKs, because they interpret every legitimate criticism as ethnically motivated."

He mentioned Labor MKs Shlomo Ben-Ami, Rafi Edri, and Ra'anana Cohen as examples. Orr, a retired major-general, said he never encountered discordant ethnic tones in the military, except with regard to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai. "Mordechai is the champion of complexes," Orr said.

President Ezer Weizman yesterday expressed anger and "terrible sorrow" over Orr's statements about the Sephardi community. He said Orr should do some serious soul-searching and consider whether he is suitable for political life.

Weizman advised members of the Sephardi community to "walk with your heads held high and look proudly at your colleagues in the leadership of the IDF and the state."

Labor MKs were furious with Orr for stealing attention from the opposition's victorious vote to dissolve the Knesset and changing the



Labor MK Avi Yehzekel poses yesterday with a sign reading: "I'm a proud Oriental [Sephardi]"

political agenda, causing what many see as irreparable harm to the party.

"Orr cannot continue as a public and political figure in the State of Israel - or in any other state - after saying what he said," Labor MK Haim Ramon said.

MK Hagai Merom described

Orr's statement as "a mass terrorist attack in Labor's main street. These things remind me of Le Pen's statements in France. Such people have no place in Labor."

"I'm beside myself with shame. This is not the Labor Party I knew, this is not what I grew up on, in my parents home, in the kibbutz, that

all human beings are equal," Merom said.

Ben-Ami, who was mentioned in the article, said Orr's utterances "are grave and insufferable. This is a generalization which the enemies of the Jews used all over the world. Antisemitism is based on such generalization."

Ben-Ami said Barak must issue a much sharper response to Orr's statements.

"In a democratic state of ethnic minorities, such a thing cannot pass quietly. Can you imagine a politician in the US who makes such a statement lasting even one week? Or in France? This was not

a mere slip of the tongue, but an orderly philosophy, taken from the darkest 19th century Europe," Ben-Ami said.

"Orr's utterances are pure racism," said MK Salah Tarif. "Such a person cannot be in Labor's leadership. Barak must expel him today. If he doesn't, I will not be able to remain a member of this party."

Meretz Leader MK Yossi Sarid said "it's too late to apologize. He apologized already and it made things uglier. The only option left is for Orr to resign."

Meretz MK Amnon Rubinstein said Orr's words hurt not only the Sephardi public, but every person in Israel who wants to see equality with no discrimination among people. A former education minister, Rubinstein said "such racist things strike a blow to the educational system's efforts to wipe out the remaining social gaps."

The Likud spokeswoman said, "To our amazement, once again the ugly spirit of racism and incitement against the Sephardi communities raises its head from time to time in Labor. That's the hypocritical game Labor leaders play: first they apologize then they incite and strike."

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom attacked Orr's statements, saying "Barak's apology shows Labor hasn't changed and nothing has happened since. Labor has proved it has finished its career and is unworthy of leading the people. Orr's statements indicate patronization and contempt towards a community which has contributed much to society, and that Sephardi MKs are only a decoration in Labor."



Ori Orr (Isaac Harari)

Who is Ori Orr?

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Ori Orr (Labor), whose criticism of Moroccans joined Labor shortly after ending a long military career. He is No. 14 on Labor's Knesset list.

Orr was born in a village near Petah Tikva in 1939 and was raised in Kfar Haim in the Sharon, studying at the Kfar Ruppin Regional School. He served for 30 years in the IDF, reaching the rank of major-general. He was both OC Northern Command and OC Central Command.

During his military service he graduated from Tel Aviv University in political science and history. When he left the army, he took courses in economics, public policy and international relations at Harvard University and MIT in the US.

In 1988, he became chairman of the Labor Party's youth headquarters, preparing it for the elections.

Between 1988 and 1992, when he was elected to the Knesset, he was director-general of the Jewish National Fund. He was also a member of the board of Israel Aircraft Industries.

He is the father of three and lives in Hofit, a coastal community between Netanya and Hadera.

His parliamentary career has focused on military issues. In the last Knesset he served as the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and later as deputy defense minister.

In the current Knesset he is an active member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and is considered close to Labor leader Ehud Barak, a former chief of general staff who was also raised in the Sharon Valley.

An apology that now falls even flatter

Last September, Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak asked the Sephardim for forgiveness for the "pain and human suffering" the party caused them in the early days of the state.

At a Labor Party convention in Netivot days later, the apology was turned into an official resolution, entitled "Recognition and Apology for Past Errors and the Turning of a New Leaf."

The Netivot venue and the apology were part of a strategy by Barak to woo the support of Sephardi voters who have traditionally voted Likud. Barak made

his apology retroactive, saying it "comes on my behalf and on behalf of the entire Labor movement in all its generations - Mapai, the Alignment, and now the Labor Party."

He said that "the Labor movement was responsible for the establishment of the state. As this took place, there was the uprooting of whole communities from North Africa and the Arab countries, and they were dispersed in transit camps and later develop-

ment towns and moshavim. The special pioneering role of this group was never recognized or appreciated."

The words generated a wide range of responses - from appreciation (mostly among Sephardi Labor supporters), to cynicism and amusement (mostly among Ashkenazi Likud supporters), to demands for actions to back up the words (mostly from Sephardi Shas activists).

Barak's overtures to Sephardi

voters were not universally applauded in his party. MK Hagai Merom said he disliked the notion that "Labor is guilty of any wrongdoing. This is a great slap in the face to David Ben-Gurion and all that he did and built up."

Nissim Zvili said, "This is hardly the way to create and to foster a new set of relations. A verbal apology is no magic wand."

MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, who convinced Barak to apologize, warned, "This is hardly enough. There have to be practical steps to prove sincerity."

Mahaneh Yehuda hits back

By NOAH STREET

"I was not going to vote for Labor after Barak's apology. I will not vote for Labor now and my grandchildren will not vote for Labor," said Mahaneh Yehuda fruit and nut store owner Itzik Shomron yesterday.

MK Ori Orr's published statements yesterday on Moroccans not only set off a round of angry responses in the Knesset but also in the alleys of the market and from the Federation of Sephardim.

Orr's statements dealt a blow to efforts by Labor leader Ehud Barak to improve the party's ethnic image, including an apology by Barak last September for the "pain and human suffering" caused to Sephardim during the early days of the state.

Shavi Amet, a 38-year-old Sephardi, said: "What he said was a mistake. In fact his breathing our air is a mistake. It is a political stunt that shows his real character. Let

me ask you, how many members of Labor are from the Sephardic community? Two or three, and none of them hold important positions."

"They are trying to be like the Left, like the intellectuals, but I promise you that when Labor gets the chance, they will throw the Sephardim out," Amet continued.

The Federation of Sephardim said in a statement that Orr's words "border on racism."

The federation said that if Orr does not resign, "it is the responsibility of the head of the Labor party to denounce him and [the responsibility] of the Labor party to expel him."

Yitzhak Nissim, employee of a store just outside the souk, said: "Orr is right. No one wants to admit it, but he is right. We are not taking advantage of the education offered to us. We are not equal to the Ashkenazim. The problem is in the way he said it. He is obnoxious. He is trying to attract attention. Instead of criticizing, why doesn't he work to help us?"

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Expert: He spoke for most Ashkenazim

By GIL HOFFMAN

While ethnic issues are usually downplayed and placed low on the list of issues that divide Israeli society, MK Ori Orr's statements have penetrated a usually suppressed emotional level that is filled with bitterness and blame for Ashkenazim and Sephardim alike.

That is the view of Samy Smooha of Haifa University, a sociologist specializing in Sephardi-Ashkenazi issues.

"There is a lot of guilt. Otherwise you cannot explain the extreme reaction to these statements," Smooha said. "Ori Orr committed the sin of revealing what's on the mind of the overwhelming majority of Ashkenazi Jews in Israel. The problem is not what he said. It's the narrative of Ashkenazi people in Israel."

Smooha said Ashkenazim deny that there is still an ethnic problem in Israel and view Sephardi feelings of deprivation and bitter memories as unjustified.

"To say that there is still a problem is counter to Zionism, the fusion of the exiles," Smooha said. "To be an Israeli is to deny the ethnic problem, to not talk about it and hope that it will go away."

Unlike Orr, Smooha believes the Sephardi-Ashkenazi problem in Israel is more of an Ashkenazi problem, not a Sephardi problem.

"They have difficulty adjusting to the erosion of their ethnic dominance," he said.

Smooha criticized Sephardi MKs for not doing enough to bridge the gap with Ashkenazim and for not focusing enough on ethnic issues.

Smooha predicted that the Orr controversy will soon be forgotten and that ethnic issues will, for the most part, continue to be ignored. He criticized the strategy of waiting for Ashkenazim and Sephardim to assimilate, saying this amounts to not facing up to the problem.

He added that he is very pessimistic about the prospects for Sephardim to recover from social and economic hardship.

"Taking history into account, I'm more optimistic about the peace process than about this issue," he said.

"I don't see a historical process leading toward integration of Sephardim. Israelis and Palestinians are coming together, approaching each other. Ashkenazim and Sephardim are not facing the problem," Smooha said.

Orr dropped from Labor trip to US

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor MK Ori Orr, who was scheduled to be part of a Labor Party leadership delegation to Washington next week, has been dropped from the trip because of the remarks he made about Sephardim.

The delegation, consisting of party leaders MK Ehud Barak and MKs Yossi Beilin, Shlomo Ben-Ami and Ephraim Sneh, is to hold political talks with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and other Clinton administration officials.

This is the first time that opposition leaders have been invited to such high-level talks in the US, Labor sources said.

The delegates are also scheduled to meet special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk, and members of Congress. They are also to meet with American Jewish leaders.

The trip was organized at the request of Jewish leaders who support the peace process, who complained that the Labor Party's voice is not heard in the US.

And he doesn't like Americans, either!

In October 1996, MK Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'Aliya) called for the Knesset Ethics Committee to investigate MK Ori Orr for insulting American immigrants in comments he made in a radio interview.

Orr had told Israel Radio that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu placed too much trust in English-speaking advisers "instead of consulting with those who speak army-Hebrew, who are found in the field and know what's going on."

"I'm convinced this statement belittles all those Israeli citizens who were not born here, but who nonetheless want to have a part in determining [the state's] future and fate," Solodkin wrote in a letter to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon.

"Jewish history in Israel has shown again and again that in each wave of immigration, leaders were born who did not speak perfect Hebrew and some of whom didn't even serve in the IDF. This statement particularly hurts the 80,000 immigrants from English-speaking countries who live in Israel."

Liav Collins

BARAK

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"I'm sorry the prime minister exploited my statements cynically to bash Labor. I put my foot in it and I apologize... Apparently, after 50 years of statehood, we're

still not ready to deal with the lack of real dialogue between the communities," he said.

But Orr's apology failed to placate furious Labor MKs. The party leadership met last night to decide what to do about Orr and how to minimize the damage he has caused.

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Olmert: International criticism won't prevent Jerusalem expansion

By AMY KLEIN

The plan to expand Jerusalem is not a political matter and should not have any international implications, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert told a group of foreign journalists yesterday.

Answering questions, the mayor acknowledged that the plan would also boost the city's Jewish population.

The most widely discussed topic of the session was the so-called "Jerusalem plan" to absorb neighboring communities under one

"umbrella municipality." The Interior Ministry is supposed to submit recommendations for the plan by September 20.

"We did not see in this program anything affecting the political status of Jerusalem or any places in Israel," the mayor said, adding that the foreign press and the international community had misunderstood the plan.

He said it is strictly a municipal issue, which intends to save the city money by eliminating redundancies between municipalities, and allowing Jerusalem to provide

services such as education and water to surrounding areas.

A main goal of the plan is to increase the city's Jewish population by building more housing and setting up high-tech businesses, Olmert said, but this will not change the status of any of the localities.

The Jerusalem plan may go through



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert
(Isaac Harari)

"even if people are not happy about the plan," the mayor said.

He denied that the plan was created as a "secret agenda" to annex neighboring communities surrounding Jerusalem. "I don't need to create [an umbrella] municipality in order to fulfill our desire for a greater Jerusalem to be part of Israel,"

Olmert said. "These are the aspirations of Israel."

The mayor also addressed the issue of the hardening of the city, which he called a self-fulfilling prophecy based in rumor and not in fact. "More harden leave the city than anyone else," he said.

Olmert also lamented the fact that the Labor Party had decided not to run on his list for the upcoming municipal elections. "I think they made a mistake in terms of what is good for Jerusalem," he said. "They don't want to be partners and then they complain."

Manbar prosecutor dropped from Strashnov Affair probe

The prosecutor who won the conviction of traitor Nahum Manbar will no longer participate in the police investigation of the so-called Strashnov Affair, the State Attorney's Office told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The State Attorney's Office said the decision to suspend prosecutor Devora Chen from the police probe "is only to prevent attempts to cast aspersions on the investigation and to prevent slander."

The decision followed the filing of a High Court petition by the Movement for Quality Government against Chen's participation in the investigation of alleged impropriety by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov, who presided over Manbar's trial, because of her involvement as prosecutor.

"Attorney Chen was appointed as an accompanying prosecutor during the investigation, alongside Southern District Attorney Yisca Leibovitz, out of a desire to complete the investigation as

soon as possible, given attorney Chen's familiarity with the Manbar case," the State Attorney's Office stated.

Manbar's wife, Francine, was questioned again yesterday on the Strashnov Affair in a session apparently aimed at verifying statements made by her husband the day before.

Police are trying to determine whether the Manbars had made any contact with Ziv Chen, the former boyfriend of ex-Manbar defense team member Pinat Yonai, who is alleged to have had an intimate relationship with Strashnov.

The police want to know whether the Manbars and Chen discussed his affidavit, which was used by defense attorney Amnon Zichroni as the basis for his attempt to disqualify Strashnov from the case.

Francine Manbar was also reportedly asked if Chen had received any remuneration for the affidavit. (10m)

Jewish donors embroiled in NY campaign controversy

By MARILYN HENRY

The Tisch family, which includes major Jewish philanthropists, is at the center of a fundraising controversy in the campaign for New York state attorney-general.

The Tisch family holdings include Lorillard, one of the largest tobacco companies in the US and its members have been condemned for representing "Big Tobacco."

The former state attorney general, G. Oliver Koppell, who is running again for that office, has "browbeat his Democratic primary opponents into giving back contributions from one of New York's most distinguished families, the Tischs," said an editorial in yesterday's *New York Post*.

New York, along with other states, is suing the tobacco industry to recoup government expenses in treating tobacco-related medical problems.

This year's litmus test for campaign contributions carries echoes of a brouhaha last year in which UJA/Federation of New York elicited protests against plans to name James Tisch as its president.

In a sarcastic editorial, the *New York Post* said: "If Tisch money is all tainted and evil, perhaps every bit of generosity from this family — more than \$70 million over the past decade — should be refunded."

That, the editorial said, would include closing down the Tisch Hospital at New York University.



MKs' wives for Pollard

Esther Pollard (left) poses with a poster of her husband, Jonathan, at an event organized yesterday by wives of MKs and ministers to call for his release from a US prison. Looking on are Tanya Edelstein (center), wife of Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, and Judy Nir-Mozes Shalom, wife of Science Minister Silvan Shalom, who hosted the gathering at her Ramat Gan home. Participants signed a letter to Hillary Clinton, in which they ask her and her husband, President Bill Clinton, to help get Pollard free.

(Dan Ossendyver/Israel Sun)

Kiryat Arba youths denied legal counsel

By AMY KLEIN

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday denied legal counsel for three days to two Kiryat Arba youths arrested on Tuesday, on suspicion of belonging to an illegal underground organization and of setting fire to Hebron Arabs' property.

Judge Awani Habash remanded them yesterday for five days. Their lawyer, Naftali Wertzberger, appealed the denial of counsel to the Supreme Court.

"This is a ploy to put psychological pressure on the boys," Wertzberger told the suspects' parents. He said he had never heard of such a procedure being used against Jewish minors.

Wertzberger also represents 19-year-old Netanel Nir and another minor who are set to stand trial for the "Hebron horsemen" incident, in which the two boys were accused of damaging Arab property while on horseback.

Nir was originally suspected of belonging to the alleged underground group that set fire to Arab cars and fields.

The "horsemen" refused to speak to police during interrogation and were released on bail

until their trial.

Wertzberger accused the police of isolating the two Kiryat Arba minors as a scare tactic to get them to talk. Police arrested the two 15-year-olds on Tuesday morning on suspicion of setting fire to eight cars, two fields, and two watermelon stands belonging to Arab residents of Hebron. The incidents took place during May and June.

The General Security Service accused the boys of belonging to an illegal underground and denied them legal counsel under a special law applying to security prisoners.

On Tuesday, Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge A. Romanov advised police to let the boys meet with their lawyer for 15 minutes. Romanov then referred the case to the district court, which upheld the GSS request for no legal counsel, based on classified documents it submitted, and remanded the boys until Sunday.

"This is a terrible injustice," said Rachel, one of the suspects' mothers. "Now every kid in Kiryat Arba will be arrested and held without representation. What kind of justice is that?"

Ministry keeps black converts in aliya limbo

By HAIM SHAPIRO

The family of Elazar Yisrael, who was converted to Judaism by Conservative rabbis, is not the only black family from the US to suffer delays from the Interior Ministry, which appears unwilling to allow them to immigrate to Israel.

Yisrael, from Chicago, came to Israel previously and obtained

citizenship, but when he arrived over a month ago with his wife, their four children and her two grandchildren from a previous marriage, they were held and questioned for six hours at Ben-Gurion Airport.

For over a month, the family has been in Israel in a legal limbo, unable to work and without health insurance, while their case is being "investigated" by the Interior Ministry.

Following a report in *The Jerusalem Post* on their situation, another black convert to Judaism wrote to tell of his ordeal. Gregory Hayes, a Reform convert to Judaism who is presently living in Ashdod, said that his application was held up for two years. Hayes, who is also from Chicago, said that he was never told the reason for the delay, although he had asked several times.

Hayes reported that his lawyers were told there were "suspicions"

about his conversion and that he was suspected of belonging to the Black Hebrew sect of Dimona.

"Curiously enough, I was never asked, questioned, or talked to by anyone from the interior ministry the whole time of this so-called investigation," Hayes wrote. He added that it was only with the help of Rabbi Uri Reggev, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center and the Center's lawyer, Anat Ben-Dor, that he was finally allowed to come on aliya.

Reggev noted that even the Jewish Agency emissary in Chicago, who was Orthodox, had written the ministry to ask that they give a definite answer to the Hayes family, only to be told that this was none of his business.

Reggev said that when the matter was finally brought to his attention, the Hayes couple travelled to Washington to meet with him. Convinced of their sincerity, he

threatened the ministry with legal action, after which their application was finally approved. Reggev added that this was not the only case of black converts to Judaism in which the IRAC had to intervene.

Reggev said he understood that the ministry delays were undoubtedly motivated by fear of the Black Hebrews. But that fear—and Reggev did not know whether it was justified or not—should not cause others to suffer, he said.

A few months ago, Interior Minister Eli Shussman had made the totally unfounded statement that the Reform movement intended to convert 50,000 Black Hebrews to Judaism, Reggev added.

Dan Evron, the attorney for the Conservative movement who is dealing with the case of the Elazar family, said yesterday that he has still not received any answer concerning them from the interior ministry.

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — As it has twice a year for 20 years, the Security Council today is expected to again extend the mandate of UNIFIL.

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Resolution 425, of March 19,

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However, the source said, the UN appeared to fear provoking Syria, and it was unlikely that Lebanon would sit down with Israel without Syria.

At the UN last month, Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri turned Israel's offers to withdraw "unconvincing." He scoffed at Israel's calls for assurances from Lebanon for security, saying it is Lebanon that should demand security guarantees.

"We are scared to death of

Israel," Hariri said at a news conference, adding that Israel's "main vocation is war."

At that time, he repeated that Lebanon and Syria were willing to sign a peace agreement with Israel in three months if it agreed to resume negotiations and "to live in peace in the region."

He repeatedly linked Beirut with Damascus and also called for the Israeli withdrawal from "Syrian territory."

Meanwhile, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah was re-elected as the party's secretary-general for a third consecutive term. Lebanese newspapers said yesterday.

The *A-Safir* newspaper said the party's congress, which had been convening for a month in a secret location in Beirut's southern suburbs, held its final session Tuesday, extending Nasrallah's term for another three years.

The party's charter, which limits the tenure of a secretary-general to a maximum of two consecutive, three-year terms, was amended to allow for Nasrallah's reelection. *A-Safir* said in its front-page report.

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Her office was given a "cubby-hole" to work out of and too few computers. The lines of communication with the NIL, which was reluctant to share information, were very poor.

The ombudsman's office, which by nature criticizes the ministry, "must have independent funding and the tools to do its job," she said.

"They didn't know how to deal with a new authority supervising and asking questions," she added.

Most of the complaints related to marketing agents illicitly transferring people from one health fund to another.

No reporters were invited to witness the presentation of the report, even though this is the general practice for the country's two other statutory ombudsmen — the public complaints commissioner (who is also state comptroller) and the IDF ombudsman.

Although preliminary copies of the report were sent a month ago to Matza, ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash and associate director-general Dr. Yehoshua Shemer, the green light for its release was given only last week. None of the three has finished reading it; Barabash admitted he hadn't read it at all.

None was willing to comment on Rubin's findings or recommendations.

Matza's spokesman, Yoram Malka, later said the minister had "thanked Dr. Rubin for her hard work and noted the importance of the report for learning lessons in some of the most important fields in the health system."

Matza "promised that this report won't be thrown into the waste basket, but studied seriously and all conclusions reached."

The ombudsman's office can be reached via a 24-hour voice mailbox at 02-5681234. Staffers are available at 02-5681257 Sundays through Thursdays between 1 and 3 p.m.

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Health Ministry logs 21,460 complaints

Most complaints to ombudsman involve health fund registration

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry ombudsman, Dr. Kamy J. Rubin, received 21,460 complaints in 1997, her first year on the job.

A total of 20,132 complained about having become a member of a health fund erroneously, or by deceit, and the ombudsman expedited all of the cases.

Of 1,328 complaints involving implementation of the National Health Insurance Law, she and her staff completed the handling of 838, and 489 of them were found to be justified.

Fifty-six percent of the complaints were against Kupat Holim Clalit (a slightly smaller percentage than its percentage of members in the general population); 19% about Maccabi; 14% about Leumi; and 11% about Meuhedet (the last two, a somewhat higher rate than their share in the population).

Among the most prominent justified complaints were:

- A new immigrant from the CIS who moved here with her husband and child on October 10, 1995, was told at the airport that the state immediately provides six months of free health insurance.

The husband and daughter registered with Maccabi three weeks later, but the woman's registration was delayed by a bout of the flu. On November 19 of that year, she fell from a fourth-floor window and suffered major injuries, including a broken pelvis.

A day after she was hospitalized, her husband went to register her with Maccabi, but a clerk told her she must do so herself after being discharged.

She did, but two weeks later, Maccabi refused to pay for her medical treatment, and the hospital sent her a bill for NIS 54,270. The ombudsman said the health

fund must pay for her care, and that the clerk's refusal to allow her husband to register her as a member was a violation of the National Health Insurance Law. Maccabi is refusing to carry out the ombudsman's instructions.

In March 1997, a Israeli resident of eastern Jerusalem, divorced from her Palestinian husband, asked to be registered with Kupat Holim Clalit, along with her two small daughters.

She asked the National Insurance Institute to recognize her as an Israeli and to issue identity numbers so she could be recognized as a member, but the NII was slow to respond.

In the meantime, one of her daughters became very ill due to renal insufficiency and needed dialysis. Dr. Rubin asked Hadassah University Hospital to admit the child, which it did, even though the lack of a residency certificate could

result in the health fund's refusal to pay for expensive care.

The ombudsman finally learned that the NII had already recognized the mother as a resident, but had not issued her daughter an identity number. The ombudsman retroactively made the family members of Clalit and the health fund was required to pay.

The mother of a 17-year-old boy complained that marketing agents for the Leumi health fund had persuaded him and dozens of other minors to sign a form to join Leumi for payment of NIS 80 apiece.

Although a minor's signature is not permitted by the National Health Insurance Law, he lost his rights with his previous insurer, Clalit, and wasn't able to cancel his membership with Leumi, since the form was apparently being held by the agent until he reached 18.

The ombudsman complained to

the Leumi director-general, who said he was unaware that agents were illegally offering minors money for membership; he put a stop to the phenomenon, and the teenager was returned to Clalit.

A Jerusalem woman who became pregnant for the third time after fertility treatments she paid for was told that she had triplets and should undergo "reduction" of the fetuses to ensure that two survive.

Her health fund, Clalit, refused to pay for this procedure, noting that this was her third pregnancy via fertility treatments and arguing that producing a third baby in this fashion "is not in the basket of health services."

The ombudsman justified the woman's complaint, arguing that fetal reduction is like an abortion, and that it was covered, no matter how she got pregnant. Clalit finally paid for the procedure.

NEWS

in brief

Council for Shabbat holds first meeting

The first gathering of the Public Council on Behalf of Shabbat in Israel was held yesterday in the lecture hall of the Knesset with the participation of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. The purpose of the group is to encourage Sabbath observance peacefully, rather than through compulsion and legislation.

Haim Shapiro

Massage parlor 'purifier' found incompetent

Yehoshua Alkobi of Jerusalem, who is charged with setting fire to two massage parlors in Tel Aviv several weeks ago and thereby wounding three people, one of them seriously and including himself, is incompetent to stand trial, court-appointed psychiatrists have found. They ruled he is unable to distinguish between the permissible and prohibited.

It appears likely the state attorney will soon ask the court to drop proceedings against Alkobi and have him committed. Alkobi claimed during his interrogation that he set fire to the massage parlors to "burn the abomination from the land in advance of the coming of the Messiah."

Itim

Romanian worker found dead

A 40-year-old Romanian worker was found dead early yesterday morning near a hotel construction site on the Dead Sea shore near Sodom. A fellow worker found him on the ground, and an MDA doctor declared the man dead at the scene. Police said there were no signs of violence on the body.

Itim

Romanian cancer patients to get marrow

Two Romanian children who suffer from cancer are to arrive Sunday on Romanian Prime Minister Radu Vassile's jet in order to undergo bone-marrow transplants. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza acceded to Vassile's request to arrange for the operations, and the Romanian premier expressed his heartfelt gratitude. Matza made the commitment during his visit to Bucharest a year ago.

Judy Siegel

Israeli, PA discuss environmental issues

Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen met yesterday with representatives of the Palestinian Authority to discuss ways to resolve mutual environmental problems.

Participants in the meeting included Dr. Shmuel Brenner, the head of the working group on environmental issues, and Dr. Sufiyan Sultan, the head of the PA Environment Authority.

The session focused on developing a comprehensive policy on such issues as disposal of both regular and hazardous wastes and enforcement. It was agreed that joint teams would draw up plans to establish proper garbage dumps in the West Bank.

Itim

Bentsur to meet Swedish deputy foreign minister

Foreign Ministry Director General Eitan Bentsur was to leave last night for talks in Stockholm, at the invitation of Sweden's deputy foreign minister, the foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday. During the visit, Bentsur and his host will discuss issues relating to the peace process and the Mideast strategic situation. The Swedish deputy foreign minister recently returned from a visit to Iran.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Man killed in Arad collision

A man was killed and two people were injured in a collision between two commercial vehicles yesterday morning in the Arad industrial zone. The injured were taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba for treatment.

Itim



Health fund workers demonstrate outside the Knesset yesterday. The signs read (left) 'Don't ruin our health,' and 'When the health funds die, who will save the sick?'

(Lance Harris)

By JUDY SIEGEL

The heads of the four public health funds agreed yesterday to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's request to maintain services for another week while his office, the Health Ministry and the Treasury try to resolve the financial crisis that threatens the national health insurance system.

Maccabi health fund director Shabtai Shavit, who met with the premier along with Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and the heads of the other three health funds, had warned that if the insurers didn't get NIS 650 million by this morning, they would start reducing their services.

But after hearing Netanyahu's promises to deal with the matter seriously, they agreed to suspend cuts in services until Tuesday.

Matza warned the four health fund directors that if they tried to wage their battles on the backs of the patients, they would face "a tough and stubborn" health minister.

He also asked Neeman to "stop holding the health funds and the health system as hostages."

Netanyahu instructed his director-general, Moshe Leon, to coordinate handling of the discussions until a solution is found.

Over 5,000 staffers from the four health funds - including their directors-general - and hospital representatives demonstrated outside the Knesset yesterday to protest against the government's failure to deal with the NIS 1.5 billion deficit in the health system.

Due to the demonstration, there were disruptions yesterday in many health fund clinics.

Meanwhile, at a meeting of the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday, chairman MK Maxim Levy said the committee supports the health funds' struggle for a comprehensive solution to the health system crisis and demanded that the government "stop torturing the health funds."

Ancient wall uncovered in Tzippori

Jerusalem Post Staff

A section of the city wall that the residents of Tzippori in the Galilee built to defend themselves during the Jewish revolt against Rome in 67 CE has been uncovered in excavations carried out this month under the direction of Dr. Ze'ev Weiss of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Archaeology.

This is the first significant

archeological structure at Tzippori that has been uncovered from the 1st century CE.

The exposed wall section, measuring some 15 meters wide, 2.6 meters thick and over 3 meters in height, was apparently never needed, since the people of Tzippori decided in the end not to join the Jewish revolt and instead opened their gates to the Romans.

The result is that Tzippori - unlike other Galilee cities, which

were overrun and destroyed by the Romans - went on to flourish as a mixed Roman-Jewish city and later, during the Byzantine period, as an early Christian-Jewish city.

Tzippori, located west of Nazareth, was the home of the Sanhedrin, the central body of Jewish and legal and spiritual life during the Roman period. It was also the home of Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi, codifier of the Mishna. Much of what is known about

1st century Tzippori and its fate was recorded by Josephus Flavius, one of the leaders of Jewish forces in the Galilee but who later defected to the Roman side. He describes how the citizens of Tzippori willingly undertook to build their defensive wall.

During this season, the archeological workers also completed the excavation of the "Orpheus House," one of the most elaborate private houses in the city.



Scholarships for Ethiopian-born students

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg hands a NIS 1,000 scholarship yesterday to college student Ruhama Baruch, one of 35 recipients of NIS 35,000 in scholarships awarded by the agency's Israel Education Fund to Ethiopian-born students. Baruch's brother, Adam, and sister, Meirav, also received awards.

(Joe Malcolm)

Holocaust survivors claim millions for assets seized by Britain

LONDON (AP) - Foreign nationals and Holocaust survivors whose British assets were seized during World War II have filed claims for repayment totaling £6 million (\$10 million), the British government said yesterday.

As the situation deteriorated elsewhere in Europe, many who felt threatened by the Nazis deposited their assets in Britain for safekeeping - only to have them seized under the 1939 Trading with the Enemy Act.

Hoping to correct this injustice, the government invited claims in April.

Since then, it has received 190 claims for funds and property totaling £300,000 at wartime prices - the equivalent of £6m today - according to Lord Archer of Sandwell, a lawyer appointed

by the government to set up a system to evaluate and settle claims. The figure far outstrips the £2m that the government has set aside for repayments, but it has promised more funds if needed.

"No one can put a price on the suffering the victims of Nazi persecution endured, nor the subsequent injustice in their treatment after the war," Archer said.

"However, I believe that it is possible to put in place a workable and equitable scheme which might provide some relief, even after all this time."

Archer has asked groups like the Holocaust Educational Trust and the Association of Former Political Prisoners of German Concentration Camps to submit suggestions on the repayment scheme by September 11.

Lord Janner, chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust, welcomed Archer's suggestions and said he was confident "that as much justice as possible will be done in the minimum possible time."

But the trust said Archer's proposals only deal with victims from Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

Archer said he hopes the system will be operational by November, under the control of the Department of Trade and Industry. "A lot of these people have waited for an outcome to their claims for a very long period," Archer said.

The 1939 act allowed Britain to seize assets of citizens of countries defined as "belligerent enemy states." Despite a series of international treaties, after the war many people did not receive repayment.

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Opposition leader's standoff with troops enters 6th day

BANGKOK (Reuters) — Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi was running out of food yesterday, the sixth day of a sit-in protest in her car against travel curbs imposed by the military government, diplomats said.

A government spokesman denied the report and said Suu Kyi would be given food if she needed it. But the junta said it was not ready to discuss growing demands from her party and leading nations that she be allowed to travel freely.

In Manila, Myanmar's foreign minister, Ohn Gyaaw, told reporters his government had rejected requests by several countries to

Western diplomats in turn vowed to maintain pressure on the junta until it heeded their calls for democratic reform. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) yesterday condemned the restrictions on her travel, saying it was an attempt to curb her political activity.

"It is illegal confinement to bar the general secretary and [her] party from going from specially designated areas to other places," it said in a statement.

Security officials on Friday stopped the car carrying Suu Kyi and three others at a hideout near

Suu Kyi is the daughter of the late Aung San, revered as the country's founding father. The government has also accused her of trying to foment

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Tensions between the junta and the NLD escalated after Suu Kyi urged the government to convene by August 21 a parliament comprising members elected in may 1990. The NLD swept that poll but the military has ignored it.

"As to her health, her two personal physicians checked her up yesterday and we have a medical team on standby. These people are just trying to sensationalize the issue," he said.

The government spokesman also said Suu Kyi, who earlier refused to talk to negotiators, had broken her silence and demanded to be allowed to travel freely.

"But the government position is that we can discuss that later. Nor

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson urged the same on Tuesday.

And in New Delhi, dozens of Myanmar students marched through the streets yesterday, demanding freedom of travel for Suu Kyi.



ing and covered many issues, including Kashmir and terrorism." Asked if there was any discussion on future testing, Vajpayee said, "Both India and Pakistan have already declared a moratorium on conducting further nuclear tests."

In his speech earlier, Vajpayee

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

There are acceptable lies and unacceptable lies, and lying about someone's sex life is one of those

"I guarantee you there are a few witnesses who have come forward that the public doesn't know about," Berenson said.

despite his doubts, nonetheless voted to confirm him to his lifetime appointment on the Supreme court.
(Los Angeles Times)

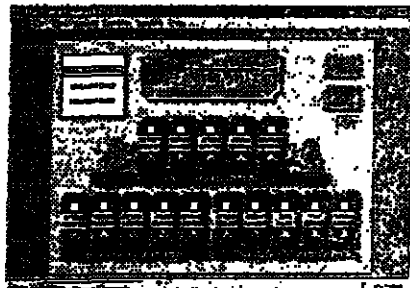
SANAA (Reuters) - The funeral of three Roman Catholic nuns who were murdered by a suspected Islamic extremist in Yemen will be held in the southern port city of Aden today, a Yemeni official said.

"[They] will be buried at the Christian cemetery after a funeral ceremony in one of the churches in Aden tomorrow," Hisham Mushraf, undersecretary at the Ministry of Planning and

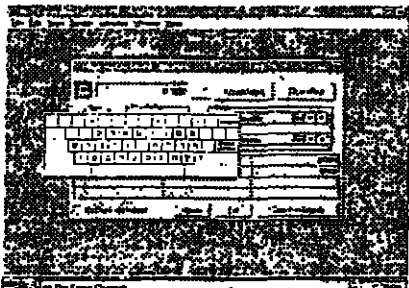
Pope John Paul yesterday prayed for the three nuns. A telegram sent to Mother Nirmila said the Pope was "deeply saddened to learn of the murder of

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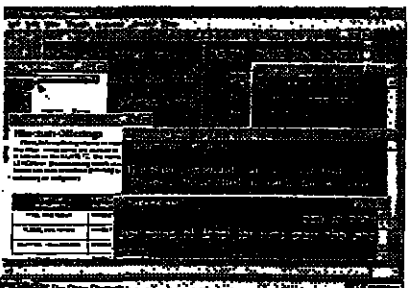
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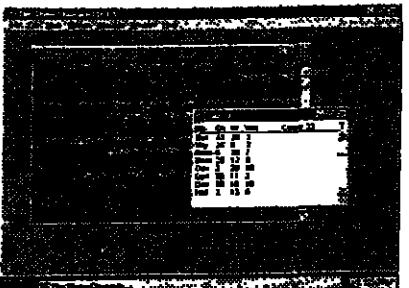
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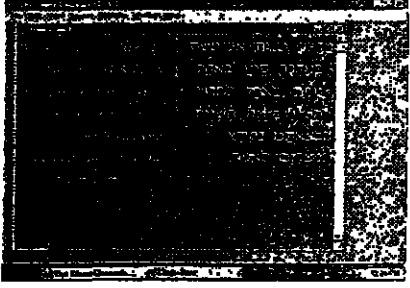
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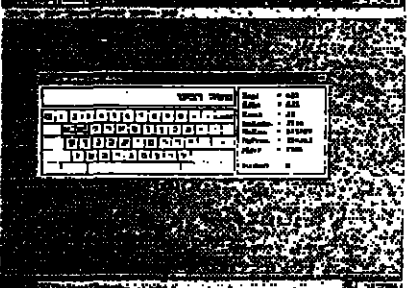
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Rape in Burma: A policy of ethnic cleansing?

Burma's military has routinely used forced labor and torture to maintain power, build infrastructure and wage an ethnic war

By DENNIS BERNSTEIN
and LESLIE KEAN

Two Akha girls taken from their rural village by Burmese troops and used as army porters could not have imagined the lethal brutality they would face during their forced internment.

A 61-year-old village headman of the Akha ethnic minority living in Burma's eastern highlands told Amnesty International that he knew both girls and spoke with them after they were released by government soldiers.

Fifteen-year-old Mia Au and 16-year-old Mi She were "happy, healthy girls" before they were kidnapped, he said.

"When they returned, their faces and skin were yellow," said the headman. "The two of them had been raped continually for six nights by two or three men each night, including the soldiers' commander."

Despite the multiple serial rapes, the teens were forced to labor all day, according to the Amnesty report. "After their release, the two girls didn't sleep, didn't eat and eventually just died," said the headman.

In the decade since it seized power, Burma's military has become increasingly dependent on the use of forced labor and torture to maintain power, build the country's infrastructure and carry out its war

against the stubborn ethnic resistance.

There is growing evidence that the Burmese soldiers and their commanders are employing another tool of war against minority populations: the rape of ethnic women.

The fate of the two Akha girls is not uncommon in Burma, renamed Myanmar by the military junta. A 1998 US State Department report on Burma says government troops "continued to impress women for military portage duties, and there were many reports of rape of ethnic minority women by soldiers."

According to the UN Special Rapporteur on Myanmar (Burma), Burmese troops have been abducting "increasing numbers of women, including young girls and the elderly" who have become victims of rapes and other abuses. The Burmese Women's Union reported to the Fourth UN Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 that "women have been raped in an organized and systematic way" by the military.

"Rape may be outlawed under the international rules governing conflicts," stated their report, but "ethnic women have been raped in their homes or in their villages by army soldiers."

Reports of rape also are to be found in other documents. A 1996 landmark US federal lawsuit against the oil companies Unocal and Total, filed on behalf of the

"tens of thousands of people" who have been victims of a range of abuses in Burma, states that "girls and women have been raped in the presence of family members or within hearing distance of family members."

The court, which ruled that Unocal could be held liable for the rapes committed by its military partners in Burma, will hear the case in 1999.

According to the April 1998 UN Commission on Human Rights Resolution, women most likely to be raped are "refugees, internally displaced women and women belonging to ethnic minorities of the political opposition."

Military rapes occur typically during raids on villages, when women are abducted for forced labor, during encounters with victims of forced relocations in the jungle and in coerced marriages.

Rape is systematically used by Burma's military as part of a policy of ethnic cleansing, according to interviews with rights workers and exiled pro-democracy officials.

Bolstering those contentions is a new report by EarthRights International, a legal rights group, accusing Burma's military of "the savage domination of women outside the scope of acceptable wartime conduct."

The report also says that "the violent sexual abuse of ethnic Burmese women at the hands of the military

occurs in epidemic proportions."

The Shan village of Kaeng Kham in Hunghing was rocked by this epidemic of military rape. According to a 1996 Shan human rights report, sexual attacks at Kaeng Kham village often occurred at night after the village men left for work at a local logging company.

"While the men are away, Sergeant Hla Phyu and his men repeatedly rape the women, going from house to house," said the report. "Every adult woman in this small village has been raped."

"When soldiers rape women, there is no action taken against them," said Sao Ood Kesi, a Shan ethnic leader. "It's understood that they have permission from their officers to rape the women. Sometimes they kill the women afterward."

Sao Ood Kesi provided a list of 83 Shan State rape cases in 1997, in which investigators documented the dates, places, names of the victims and their parents, and the battalion numbers and names of the captains, majors and sergeants who committed the rapes. Many of these women were also murdered.

A 1997 Shan Human Rights report documents the mass murder of dozens of ethnic women and girls after being gang-raped by Burmese soldiers.

It says that 120 troops found 42 women and 57 men hiding in the forest in Kunhing township. The

troops gang-raped all the women for two days and two nights. Then all 99 villagers were reportedly killed by the soldiers.

In April, Amnesty International reported that a 30-year-old mother, Nang Ing, was raped by three soldiers who then poured boiling water over her. She died three days later of burns "from her neck to her feet" and wounds on her back.

In another village, Naing Mai was raped during a period of five days by the military. As witnessed by farmers hiding in the area, "she was then covered with pieces of wood and burned to death," according to the Amnesty report.

Thaung Tun, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Myanmar, denies the allegations of widespread rape by the military. "It is hardly possible for rape to occur in Myanmar on a policy basis," he said from his embassy in Washington, DC.

"Maybe on an individual basis. But if it happens, there are laws in place, and people would be punished." Burma's army, known as the Tatmadaw, plays an enormous role in the governance of Burma. Most of the ministers and deputies composing the military junta's cabinet are current or past members of the Tatmadaw.

Many soldiers are teen-agers, often kidnapped by the army. According to the EarthRights report, they are given little food,

forbidden contact with their families and forced to beat each other for punishment.

Abused physically and humiliated daily, the young recruits are then set loose among the ethnic minorities who they have been indoctrinated to believe are "the people's enemy."

One widely circulated document whose authenticity has not been fully established claims that rape is a tool of war in Burma. The document, dated a few weeks after the military takeover in 1988, outlines a policy of "blood mixing" and "Burmanization" of ethnic minorities.

Burmans represent two-thirds of the population. (The term "Burmese" refers to all the nation's inhabitants).

The document said that "the easiest way to implement these ideas is to occupy (many or impregnate) women who are not Burman," for which it offers a financial reward.

"We must obviously attack those who are not Burman in economic as well as social ways," it said.

Prime Minister Sein Win, the elected official who heads the Burmese government in exile, believes the document most likely originated from the Junta's Defense Ministry Department of Psychological Warfare.

Regardless of the source or intent of this document, it accurately represents an ethnic cleansing policy of

the Burmese military," he said. "There is no doubt that the wide spread rapes by troops are fully in the policies expressed in this document."

Jennifer Green, staff attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and an expert in international women's rights, is convinced that the Burmese military is guilty of crimes against humanity defined by the War Crimes Tribunal.

"There is a growing acceptance that rape is not just a form of humiliating treatment but is an extreme form of violence and should be regarded as torture," said Green, a counsel-in-the-lawsuit against Unocal.

Activists are urging the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and its Committee to lead a mission to investigate the claims of systematic rape by the Burmese military.

"Since people have documented this happening in Burma, it is critically important to secure accountability for it," said Regan Ralph, acting director of the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch. "These allegations should be brought to the attention of any international mechanism that could weigh in."

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A writer's dual loyalty Fast and loose

HEADING SOUTH, LOOKING NORTH by Ariel Dorfman. New York, Farrar, Straus & Giroux. \$24. 282 pp.

By Shimon Arad

This is a beautifully written book. It opens with the chronicle of the military coup in Chile in September 1973 that crushed Allende's rule and almost killed the author. It then moves back and forth to where his parents were forced to run, and ends with his own odyssey, seeking refuge from Pinochet's long hand.

The author was born in 1942 in Buenos Aires to a Russian Jewish family that departed in 1920 from the rising Soviet paradise to the unknown Argentina. The newly born baby was called Vladimiro, reflecting the father's faith in and adoration for the founding father of the Russian Revolution.

Always vaguely leftist and rebellious, by the early 1930s the father had joined the Communist Party and embraced Marxism. Never mind the Moscow trials and the purges, the famine and the destruction of the peasantry — his father did not seem to care. Even when his father was expelled from the Party at the end of the '30s, and even after the Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1939, Adolfo Dorfman adhered steadfastly to Marxist philosophy and politics.

But Ariel Dorfman's book is not a political memoir, nor is it a story of the ideological vicissitudes of the Dorfman family. Its unique value is in the capturing and vivid way it depicts the dichotomy of the two rivaling cultures and of the two conflicting languages, Spanish and English. Rarely has such an extraordinary and incessant love-hate relationship been so eloquently articulated.

Ariel Dorfman — the name he eventually adopted, substituting the original Vladimiro (and the temporary Edward) — grappled for almost 40 years as a writer of numerous books, attempting to sort out his identity, his loyalties and his roots. He now lives with his family in Durham, North Carolina, where he teaches at Duke University and writes. He has come to terms with North America and he is deeply devoted to the culture and language of Latin America.

His grandfather, David Dorfman, spoke English, French and Russian fluently. The family considered itself assimilated, cosmopolitan and European. When the Revolution broke out, Ariel's grandmother started to work with Linovino and later with Trotsky. In Argentina, his father wrote and published the first history of Argentina's industry, becoming the country's leading expert on the subject. But the Argentinean interlude came to an abrupt end in 1943 following a military coup that had a pro-Axis bent. Adolfo Dorfman sent an indignant letter of protest to the new regime, accusing it of being repressive, clerical and infatuated with Franco, Hitler and Mussolini. The



Ariel Dorfman

(Thomas Victor)

authorities reacted by revoking his citizenship and demanding to send him back to Russia. The Dorfman family preferred an "exile" in the U.S.

America, says Dorfman, "told me that I was free, that I should not let others determine my life." America "told me I could be innocent again." At the beginning, the young Dorfman manifested a quick and "complete surrender" to the English language. He was wondering for a long time why it was that the boy Vladimiro-Eddie-Ariel decided to suffocate the person he had been, to "kill the language in which he had built the house of his identity." There were two children in his body — the one who spoke Spanish would not respond, "because I left him to die in the dark." And so it came to pass "that the English language adopted me at that crucial crossroads."

But then appeared the ugly face of America, the Joe McCarthy period and the "loyalty oath" hysteria. Adolfo Dorfman was working at the UN Secretariat, and McCarthy warned the secretary-general to "get that troublemaker Dorfman out" of the country. Adolfo Dorfman and his family had to leave, and a UN job in Santiago, Chile, was provided. After almost 10 years of the American shelter, the Dorfman family had to move once more. In the midst of encountering the American world, and learning its English, which

"turned into a ritual of belonging, another way of combating loneliness, perfecting accent and grammar and vocabulary as evidence" that he was not an immigrant recently stranded, he was forced to abandon North America and start all over again in the South.

At a very early age, Ariel Dorfman discovered his urge for writing, and it was first in English that he articulated his bubbling reflections. From that moment on, young Dorfman felt that he began "to live in order to record life itself." It would take him a decade to start thinking of himself as a Chilean. That new identity was fraught with strong emotions. The distance that the politics of the Cold War had created inside Dorfman "would grow into a divorce from North America."

English's alliance with his writing, however, its merging with literature, that was to be another matter. By the time he landed in Chile, English had become "the efficient instrument" of his intimacy, the inner kingdom he could control, and also the foundation for what he already called his profession, convinced as he was that his "place in the world and in history would be determined by the way in which he affected and shaped the language permanently."

It would take 14 years before the author returned to the United States. He was to spend a year and a half in Berkeley, California, from where

Santiago looked like a "provincial backwater," a "timid, dull city." What was he doing there, making believe he "was a gringo," writing in this language that suddenly seemed an alien script? When he arrived in Chile in the early '50s, he had rashly sworn "never to write another word in English. Spanish was to be the love of my life." Entering the Chilean educational system, however, proved a nightmare. The first principal of the school his mother wanted him to attend considered him a Yankee, because he was from the North. The upshot was a determination to master Spanish as no one had ever done. And young Dorfman discovered the wonders of that language. He found out that the more you learn that language, the more you find ways to avoid responsibility. "I became conscious then of the other elusive ways in which the language allowed its devoted followers to pass the buck onto others." With this schizophrenic, adulterous existence, writing in English and speaking in Spanish, singing American songs at sunrise and being lulled to sleep by the Chilean mountains in the evening, crazy about Conrad and crazy about Cervantes, he was "totally unable to recognize what was bearing down" on him.

Sitting at his typewriter one day in Berkeley, Dorfman precariously balanced between Spanish and English, and for the first time he was fully aware of how extraordinarily bicultural he was. He did not have, he later observed, "the maturity — or the emotional or ideological space...to answer that I was a hybrid, part Yankee, part Chilean, a pinch of a Jew, a mestizo in search of a center." English made a comeback with Dorfman even before he was forced to sneak out of Chile in 1973. He left, having sought first a political refuge at the Argentinean Embassy in Santiago. While awaiting the permit to depart, he encountered in the garden of the residence the wife of the Argentinean ambassador, and what transpired between the two symbolizes magnificently Dorfman's unrelenting dilemma and his moral message.

Music was being played in the background and the Argentinean lady muttered to herself in English: "If music be the food of love..." Dorfman suddenly said, "Play on," also in English, and added: "give me excess of it."

The lady looked surprised, unable to apprehend who might be quoting Twelfth Night back at her. He pressed his advantage: "Thought in this case," he said, "perhaps Shakespeare was right and the appetite may indeed sicken and so die."

"Ariel Dorfman," he presented himself. "But you're...you're American. What are you doing here?" (Meaning as a political escapee.)

"I am American. Latin American. Soy chileno [I am Chilean]," he said. Dorfman was a bigamist of languages. He shared them, or they shared him. He felt married to them both.

FAST & FESTIVE MEALS FOR THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS by Marlene Sorosky. New York, Morrow and Co. 210 pp. \$27.

By Arlynn Nellhaus

The first words that leapt to my eyes when I opened this bright, clearly and attractively laid-out cookbook were "Tyrannical Orthodox father." Who? What? Forget the recipes. I had to read about yet another variation in this latest American publishing trend, this madness over memoirs. Now we have the cookbook as memoir.

Marlene Sorosky, the author of *Entertaining on the Run*, among many other cookbooks, lays it out in her introduction. She grew up in the posh enclave of Beverly Hills, where in her home the Jewish holidays were about "control, dominance and penitence."

As an adult Sorosky gave her children a Jewish education, but her heart wasn't in it. When her publisher asked her to write a book with Jewish recipes, she almost declined.

She then met two Jewish women whom she credits for teaching her the beauty and joy of Judaism. She decided to proceed with the project.

In her acknowledgements, Sorosky thanks the rabbis at two California temples, Reform Judaism. Hide this review from Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, for these California rabbis overlooked something, uh, rather basic.

Sorosky precedes each dinner menu with a "Game Plan," a cutesy way of saying "Preparation Schedule." Her Game Plan for a Shabbat meal directs: 20 minutes before serving, "cook peas and leeks, reheat challah," and "shortly before serving, cook noodles, reheat pudding." Then there is the Yom Kippur "Break-the-Fast Buffet." Its Game Plan has the cook in the kitchen cooking and baking at intervals of eight and three hours, 75 and 20 minutes and "shortly before serving."

What people do in their own homes is their business. But writing a cookbook is public.

When the author offers a book that is touted as "Jewish" and recipes which, even in the United States, could follow the rules of kashrut (I refer particularly to the availabil-

ity there of kosher Monterey Jack Cheese), she commits a major gaffe when she blatantly prescribes violating Halacha.

Ironically, I was in the Reform, then Reconstructionist bailiwicks back in Denver, and I didn't know any Jew there who would cook before the end of Yom Kippur. That's what non-Jewish wives were for.

But to the recipes: There's no law that says they have to be used on Shabbat or to break the Yom Kippur fast. They are interesting and relatively fast. They are built around festive meals for Shabbat and Jewish holidays, including Israel's Independence Day.

For Pesach, she offers three kinds of Matza Brie: Milanese, Bubbe's and Mexican. She has a Moche Fudge Torte made with egg whites, which she claims tastes as good as "Death by Chocolate" recipes but "won't kill you." She suggests following the Sephardic tradition in which, during the singing of "Dayenu," those at the table recall how in slavery Jews were whipped and beaten by (lightly) biting each other with a green onion.

And for vegetarians, she passes on the information that rabbis recommend a roasted beet on the Seder plate, in place of an animal bone.

For Hanukkah, she offers a solution that saves grated potatoes from turning brown in the bowl, and she has a recipe for one giant latke, which, she points out, is easier to make than a lot of little ones.

Potato-knish hamantaschen made with frozen baking-powder biscuits, which are available in Israel, are in the Purim recipes.

For Independence Day, she has a blue and white cake with the star and stripes of the Israeli flag from blue-colored marzipan strips. Also, this calls for frozen or fresh blueberries, which, in her Jerusalem shopping, remain a mouth-watering dream.

The Martha Stewart influence is strong. Sorosky advises on invitations for each holiday gathering, on table decorations and ways of amusing the kids. For Tu B'Shvat, for instance, she says send a packet of seeds with the invitation. Too bad that Sorosky didn't turn her inventiveness into making a non-traditional Shabbat dinner that truly could be prepared and served according to Halacha, and to figuring out how to serve a meal to break the Yom Kippur fast without spending Yom Kippur in the kitchen.

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BOOK BYTES

Robin Waterfield's biography, *Prophet: The Life and Times of Kahlil Gibran* (Penguin), has aroused renewed interest in the famous Lebanese-born poet, novelist and painter.

Gibran, remembered mostly for *The Prophet*, was a Maronite Christian born in Beirut in 1883. In 1895, his mother took him to Boston, where he learned English, but at the age of 15 he returned to Lebanon. After studying painting in Paris, he settled in New York in 1912, and remained there until his death in 1931. *The Prophet*, a collection of 26 counsels by Gibran's alter ego Almustafa the Prophet, was first published in the U.S. in 1923. Since then, it has sold about nine million copies. The collection's popularity does not diminish, and it is thought that Gibran is the world's third bestselling poet after China's Lao-Tzu and Shakespeare.

PAUL ZELINSKY, winner of the 1998 Caldecott Medal for his illustrations in *Rapunzel* (Dutton), began his career as a published illustrator at the age of four. In 1957, *Highlights* magazine for children ran a drawing of a fan-waving Geisha girl by Zelinsky on its submissions page.

Zelinsky, now 45, recalls: "Our family had lived in Japan in 1935-6 where I remember being captivated by Geishas. I don't really recall drawing them when we returned to Princeton, N.J., but according to my mother, I definitely did." Curiously, until Zelinsky won the Caldecott, neither he nor his mother knew that his first picture had been published when he was so young. They suspect that the artist's kindergarten teacher submitted the drawing to *Highlights*. For years, Zelinsky dated the beginning of his career to a picture he drew in high school for a

math textbook his father wrote. "All along I was certain that was my first published art," he said. "Little did I know I was 10 years off."

BROKEN BANGLES (Anchor), by Hanifa Deen, is a book of roots. Deen is Australian-born, but returned to the lands of her ancestors, Bangladesh and Pakistan, to challenge the West's simplified view of the "Muslim woman." The book is built around interviews she conducted with a wide range of women in 1995.

Deen stresses that much of the repression she found is unjustifiably laid at the door of Islam, which is blamed for practices not at all enshrined in the religion. The real culprits are tribal and feudal customs, as well as male chauvinism and economics.

The book's title was inspired by the glass bangles women wear all over the subcontinent. If a woman's husband predeceases her, she traditionally breaks her bangles. For Deen these bangles symbolize a life of oppression, and must be broken if the Muslim woman is to emerge from "the very bottom of the social heap."

THE LIFE of thriller writer Ralph Hammond Innes, who died aged 84 in June, was often as adventurous as the novels he wrote. "He traveled all over the world and never set a book in a country without visiting it first," says his former publisher Ian Chapman of Collins.

The son of a banker, Innes began his writing career on the *Financial Times*. He wrote 35 books. His best-known work, *The Wreck of the Mary Deare*, which is about an insurance fraud at sea, was based on a yacht he owned. It was made into a Hollywood film in 1959, starring Chadwick Hoston and Gary Cooper.

David Brauner

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

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Ori Orr should resign

Labor MK Ori Orr has expressed surprise that opposition leader Ehud Barak's famous apology last September to Sephardim "did not work." Now we know why: Orr's own views demonstrate that at least one leading member of the Labor Party has not overcome his own prejudiced and patronizing attitudes.

In an interview in *Ha'arets*, Orr said specifically, "I do not blame Ehud [for his apology not working], but rather the Sephardi communities." Orr also complained about not being able to speak freely with the Sephardim in his own party. "The problem," Orr explained, "is that I cannot speak with these people like I do with others who are more Israeli in character. Every time you say something they immediately jump, are insulted and hurt, and begin to carry on." Orr continued, "Every time I appear before them, I see their lack of interest in listening, in understanding, and recognizing life in order to know what is good and what is bad." Not satisfied with this, Orr went further, saying that when he said "Sephardi communities" he was primarily referring to Moroccans, who are the most "problematic" because "they don't have the curiosity to know what is happening around them and why."

These remarks are obviously staggering in their insensitivity and, as many have said, have no place in daily life, let alone in politics. There is no excuse for such insulting generalizations regarding any ethnic group, let alone implying that some groups are less "Israeli." In a press conference yesterday, Orr apologized to the Moroccan community and any other group he may have offended, but he did not repudiate the remarks he pointedly made in his lengthy newspaper interview.

Orr's remarks were immediately condemned in the strongest terms by leaders from across the political spectrum, including President Ezer Weizman. Though Orr himself says he received numerous faxes in support of his views, it is encouraging that no one in the political sphere came to his defense, except to say that they do not think that Orr is a racist. Labor MK Haim Ramon, in a Knesset speech, claimed that Orr had "deposited himself" from political life. At the same time, Ramon claimed that the "racial demon" is in all of us. Perhaps it is human to be prejudiced, but it is precisely because of this that Orr's statements are so damaging.

The purpose, not just of politics, but of society is to find a way to live together despite man's baser instincts. In particular, a country as ethnically diverse as Israel cannot afford to gratuitously inflame ethnic tensions. Orr's slurs are particularly jarring, because Israel has made great progress in dissipating the ethnic divide between Jews from East and West. As Tsomet MK Eliezer Zandberg pointed out, Ashkenazi-Sephardi tensions are largely a generational phenomenon; with the younger, Israeli-born generation being much less conscious of a division. While the establishment is still disproportionately Ashkenazi, it is now commonplace for Sephardim to achieve high office, without being dismissed as having benefited from tokenism. As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pointed out, the recent milestone of half the cabinet being of Sephardi background was barely noticed, and was not achieved by conscious design.

The irony of Orr's incredible interview is that, if Barak's famous apology to Sephardim on behalf of the Labor Party did have a positive impact, Orr himself more than erased it. Barak's apology risked drawing attention to tensions that many thought were on their way out; Orr's interview was dramatic evidence that old-style prejudices are more alive than some may have realized.

The damage to the Labor Party from the Orr interview is not just from its insulting generalizations, but because it was peppered with contrasts between "us" and "them." For example, Orr expressed disappointment that "all we have done for them has not helped." Orr also said of Labor MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, "We accepted him very nicely." This sort of language bespeaks the opposite of acceptance and drips with paternalism - as if it is "our" place to accept "them." It is not at all clear how Barak can repair the political damage caused by his military comrade and close political ally. Barak's decision to remove Orr from a Labor delegation visiting the United States can hardly be regarded as serious sanction. Even if Orr were forced to resign from the Knesset, it would not disabuse many Sephardim of their now-confirmed suspicions regarding the Labor Party. At this point, Ori Orr's greatest contribution to the public sphere, to healing the rifts that he says trouble him, and to his own party, would be to resign.



A great friend

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

In the early Eighties, a high ranking Mossad officer flew to London on an urgent life-saving mission. In his pocket was a coded message with the grim warning: "Two princes of Sheba face death by hanging in a Khartoum jail." Within an hour of landing, the Mossad man was ringing the doorbell at the West End home of colorful, international tycoon Roland (Tiny) Rowland.

There was no time for social niceties. As Rowland recalled in his authorized biography, published in London earlier this decade, the Israeli's first words to the man who had built up a \$250 million fortune as the buccannering self-made capitalist king of all Africa, were: "Two of our most prized agents have been caught in the Sudan. They were the linchpins in the network to smuggle their fellow black Jews out of Ethiopia, on their way to refuge in Israel via Sudan. They are due to be executed at any moment. You are the only man we know who might be able to save their lives."

Not another word, was said. "Tiny" Rowland lifted the phone and gave curt orders to his secretary: "Put me through to this Sudanese number," he said, spelling out the details. "And get me a seat on the very next plane to Khartoum. Cancel all my meetings for the next 24 hours."

He smiled at his relieved interlocutor and said simply: "If they are still alive, I believe I can save them."

The two men shook hands without a word as the Mossad man took his leave. Not only did his host succeed in preventing the execution of the two imprisoned men, already sentenced to death, but within hours of his arrival in Sudan, the prisoners were freed and on their way back to Israel, via Europe.

Born in India of German-Dutch parents, Rowland was the first

man to realize the opportunities arising from the decolonization wave sweeping Africa in the years after the Second World War. Calling himself a "revolutionary capitalist," he started his career by buying two farms in Rhodesia

Tiny Rowland knew how to keep secrets, the most prized one being his links with Israel

(now Zimbabwe).

Tiny Rowland knew how to keep secrets, the most prized one being his links with the State of Israel. When Israel was asked by the US to supply arms surreptitiously to Tehran in order to free American hostages then held by Iranian-backed terrorist groups in Beirut, Jerusalem decided to turn to Rowland to help close the deal.

Amiram Nir, anti-terrorist adviser to then-premier Shimon Peres, asked the Lomho boss: "We have been asked to supply Oak anti-aircraft missiles and other military equipment to Iran. These weapons are to be replaced by the US. But we need somebody who will put up the financial bridging for this operation during the period before the Iranians pay the Americans for the weapons. Can you become our fairy godmother?"

Without hesitation, Rowland agreed to put up the guarantee. The entire affair fell apart when its details, other than Rowland's participation, were revealed by a Lebanese newspaper. Indeed, when the Iranagate scandal erupted, one of the very few details which remained secret was the role

played by the Lomho boss in the affair.

It must be said that Tiny Rowland's "kindness" to Israel was not based solely on altruism. Even since setting up his role as a businessman in Africa, he saw how the Soviet Union and China were trying to set up Communist regimes in the emerging independent countries of Africa. In the former ex-Belgian Congo, in Mozambique, in Angola and elsewhere, efforts to create repressive red regimes answering only to Moscow, were a clear threat to Rowland's wide-ranging ambitions. And if all of Africa succumbed to Soviet subversion, it would have been a major blow to Western interests there too.

The budding tycoon turned to his only prospective ally - Israel. He was quick to grasp how envoys from the Jewish state had created a very good impression among African leaders through the use of Israeli agricultural experts, ready to teach modern farming methods, not by fine speeches or financial handouts, but in a practical way through working hands-on with the local farmers.

During the tough negotiations between Israel and Egypt concerning Tabat, Rowland agreed to secretly buy the Hilton Hotel in the disputed territory to enable Israel to keep a finger in the pie there.

But Peres was so anxious to clinch the deal to "strengthen peace with Egypt," that he rushed the handing over of the tongue of land there without giving Rowland time to close the hotel deal. Peres was to repeat his poor judgment in the botched, ill-conceived Oslo Accords, whereby Israel got nothing other than empty, unkept promises from Yasser Arafat in return for giving away precious land.

Rowland's recent death from skin cancer was not only a blow to his family, but also to the State of Israel, that lost one of its greatest admirers and friends.

The View From the East

DAOUD KUTTAB

Jerusalem birthright

I am getting married. On Saturday, my lovely fiancée and I will tie the knot. This is not my first marriage. I was happily married for 14 years, but our marriage was abruptly ended when my wife, Nuha, died from breast cancer at the young age of 39.

If you are a Palestinian and a Jerusalemite, both death and marriage carry with them additional troubles. When Nuha died, exactly a year ago this week, we didn't know where to bury her.

Jerusalem would have been the natural place, but many of our friends and relatives, like most Palestinians, simply can't come to Jerusalem without a permit. So we contacted a church with a cemetery in Bethlehem, and she was laid to rest there, with all those who wanted to pay their last respects attending.

Salam, my wife-to-be, was born and raised in Jerusalem, to Jordanian parents.

We have known each other since we were young and her brothers have been among some of my best friends. Just before we made our decision to marry, she was asked by the headquarters of the Arab Bank in Amman to be part of a special team working on revising the bank's management system. This was a big honor and a major career advancement for her and so she immediately agreed. She and her colleagues were asked to make a commitment to stay in Amman for the duration of the project.

When we decided to marry we were in a bind. It was difficult for me to leave my work and my home in Jerusalem, and she too had a commitment she didn't want to break, so we started thinking of a third way.

NORMALLY, given such a dilemma, one half of a couple thinks of commuting. The physical distance between Amman and Jerusalem is not that far. Without borders, it would not take more than an hour to drive from one capital to the other. We wouldn't be the first to make such a commute.

But there is a border between the

When we decided to marry, we were in a bind

two cities, although the crossing for Palestinians has become easier since Oslo, and the introduction of longer opening hours at the Allenby Bridge (but not the 24 hours a day as had been promised). Since we began seeing each other, I have timed the crossing from Amman to Jerusalem (door-to-door) at an average of three to four hours.

It could be much shorter if the Israelis would simply allow transport vehicles to leave and return more frequently (as is the case at the Sheikh Hussein crossing). But as they do not, daily commutes are therefore out of the question and so we decided to try weekly commutes.

Since Salam has more relatives in Amman, who could help us with my three children, we decided that I would commute and she will stay in Amman with the children. I arranged to work four days here so I can have long weekends in Jordan.

In addition to the troubles and delays of crossing the bridge, it is also costly. Every time I leave, I must pay an exit tax of NIS 110. I can't take my car, because cars with Israeli plates are only allowed to exit via the Sheikh Hussein crossing, which adds four hours to the trip.

Then came the decision of where to hold the wedding. Many of Salam's friends and relatives can't come to Jerusalem. So we decided on a wedding in Jordan, but then we thought this might adversely affect our residency in Jerusalem. Israel's Interior Ministry has lately been busy taking away residency permits of Palestinians whose center of life is not Jerusalem.

Someone suggested a double wedding, so that we can have documented proof we were also married in Jerusalem. The idea was that we hold a real ceremony in Amman and on one paper, for the sake of the Israelis, in Jerusalem.

Our pastor was not excited about that, saying he wouldn't officiate at such a fictitious, second wedding. In the end we gave up on this option and decided to take our chances with the Amman ceremony.

Since I am planning to continue working in Jerusalem, we will keep our home here, in which I will live during the week. We will also visit here on holidays, just in order not to lose our residency rights in Jerusalem, our birthplace. Apparently in Israel, there is no such thing as a birthright when it comes to Palestinians born and raised in Jerusalem.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOURIST HAVEN

Sir, - I have visited at least 50 countries on five continents, and came to Israel in July 1998 for the first and last time!

1. In Jerusalem the tourist information office at Jaffa Gate was always closed when I came there to ask how I can reach the Kennedy Memorial by public transport.

2. So was the tourist information office at the Haifa bus station. In Syria, for example, they have a sign at the door: "Open 9 - 18." Not there and other places!

3. When I wanted to take the train from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv the station was closed, the timetable inside. So I took the Arab bus there.

So I cut short a two month visit to two weeks. There are better places in the world where I am welcomed.

DR. GERNOT HOFFMANN

Freiburg, Germany.

BANK ROBBERY

Sir, - Sam Orban's column "Not Page One," July 20) was very much to the point: The banks know how to fleece their (small) customers and they are all the same without exception.

The First International Bank deducted monthly management fees totalling NIS 48.60 over six months. Bank Hapoalim took \$2.50 for changing a \$100 bill into five \$20 bills!

Perhaps keeping your money under the floor tiles is not such a bad idea after all!

B. OUDKERK

Haifa.

ISRAEL'S DEFENSE DOCTRINE

Sir, - The *Post* has published numerous articles relating to a change in Israeli national defense doctrine. Obviously, but left unsaid, is that this debate is over strategic deterrence. It is an undebatable fact that the current Israeli strategic capability will become inadequate once any Arab country deploys first-strike nuclear armed missiles.

Warning times are to short, Israeli vulnerability to high, and its current deterrent too soft for a strategy of mutually assured destruction to be viable. A multi-tier defensive strategy primarily based on boost phase interception using missiles launched from stealthy UAVs is not viable, although it is useful for tactical defense after combat is initiated. A space based BFI system is clearly beyond Israel's means.

My assessment is therefore that Israel initiate three parallel efforts:

• UAV BFI as an adjunct to the Arrow system, for tactical use during wartime conditions.

• Generation of the lowest cost survivable second strike deterrent. Clearly this consists of IRBM equipped surface ships, hardened against nuclear and conventional weapons, that can be protected during peacetime by the IAF and IN.

• A policy of non-proliferation imposed by the unilateral use of force. To put it bluntly, a preemptive attack on Iranian weapon of

mass destruction facilities, and all means of delivery, including all aircraft and naval assets.

All three elements of this policy are within the technical, economic, political and military means of Israel.

The first two elements will require about \$3.4 billion of funding over and above the current Israeli defense budget, spread over five years. The third element will carry a heavy political, economic and military price. It almost certainly means a long range, low-intensity war of attrition against Iran. But what is the alternative? In the end there is none.

Force based non-proliferation will have a painful political and economic price. Militarily, too, there will be a cost. The IAF is certain to lose aircraft and air crew, the IN may lose ships or even submarines. Iran will attempt to retaliate, by international terrorism and direct military action. But in the end Iran will never be able to field a first strike force which could threaten Israeli national existence, and that end justifies any means.

KENNETH B. BROWER,
President, Defense Analyst and Author

"A Propensity for Conflict,"
Jones Intelligence Review

Springfield, Virginia.

MANDELA'S WEDDING

Sir, - I am surprised your report on President Mandela's recent wedding was incomplete and leaves out the important way in which he used his wedding to bridge cultural differences.

While an Anglican priest conducted the marriage service and

Archbishop Tutu delivered the sermon, the blessings were given by a Moslem and Hindu clergyman and by Chief Rabbi Harris.

COLIN LEGUNA

Kibbutz Amir.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On July 30, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported from Baghdad that an agreement had been signed in London for the construction of the Haifa-Baghdad railway line. A number of Iraqi newspapers, however, described these activities as British machinations "to encircle and chain the Arabs."

50 years ago: On July 30, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the Israel Navy succeeded in overcoming the Egyptian blockade and kept Israel supplied ever since the end of the Mandate.

Israel asked to be admitted to UN.

25 years ago: On July 30, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported new

credit-tightening measures: banks were ordered to base themselves on the volume of credit they extended on July 18. For anything above that each pound of loan to the public had to be matched by one pound deposited with the Bank of Israel.

Alexander Zivelli

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Weekender

Space family Robinson

The movie 'Lost in Space' brings a whole new dimension to the problem of a long summer vacation with the children

By TED ANTHONY

Back in black-and-white 1965, June Lockhart made her *Lost in Space* debut as Maureen Robinson with a tableau depicting her era: While her heroic husband was out battling one-eyed aliens, she stood outside her spacecraft, strangled on a strange planet, happily slicing intergalactic bananas.

Cut to Mimi Rogers, the Maureen Robinson of 1998. Her attitude toward family life is a little more wary: "It's nice having our whole family under one roof," she snaps, "even if we did have to go halfway across the galaxy to manage it."

The first Robinson family chosen to fly off into space in the film and film-wrap wardrobes of the mid-1960s was selected, according to a voice from Mission Control in the pilot episode, "for its unique balance of scientific achievement, emotional stability and pioneer resourcefulness." That, however, was a different age.

Today's Space Family Robinson, brought to life in the big-screen version of *Lost in Space*, is another beast entirely — a clan consumed by insecurity, miscommunication and a decided lack of attention to each other's needs.

The saga that chronicles what it's like to be trapped with your family in a spaceship — and for the foreseeable future — has changed with the times while taking some pointed potshots at modern-day theories of relativity.

The TV series was *Leave It to Beaver* in space. This is *Rosanne* in space, says Rob Owen, author of *On X TV: The Brady Bunch to Melrose Place*. Not to say that screenwriter Akiva Goldsman's approach is subtle. The updated *Robinsons*, for instance, is a sprawling space traveler. As portrayed by Lacey Chabert, she has turned into a cartoonish, whiny cyberbrat with too much black eyeliner, mooning over the hunkiness of Major West (Matt LeBlanc) and complaining to her husband's electronic journal about how he'd take her away from him.

Formerly, "all the stakes are raised and all the problems are exaggerated," director Stephen Hopkins says. "It's not, 'Are you being invited to the prom?' It's more like, 'I'm being chased by giant space creatures through a spaceship.'"

Daughter Judy (Heather Graham) has become a work-obsessed, no-nonsense scientist like her father ("We're trying to save the planet here — there's no time for fun," she says). A female version of *Star Trek's* Scotty, she really wants to be left to her machines and not have to cope with anyone human. This is a far cry from the bubbly blonde (Marta Kristen) who "heroically postponed all hopes for a career in the musical comedy field" to join

her family in space in 1965.

But the most striking dysfunction emanates from John Robinson (William Hurt) and his computer-whiz son, Will (Jack Johnson), who makes Billy Mumy's TV Will seem as innocent as Little Ricky on *I Love Lucy*. There's a classic dance of late-20th-century father-son angst. Dr. Robinson is the workaholic absentee father with the ultimate excuse: He's saving the world, after all, so it's OK, he reasons, to miss Will's science fair and just make an "apology video" later on. Will worships his father but only wants some quality time. When he gets it, he's not even paid attention to. "You never listen to me," he yells at his father, echoing a generation or two of sons.

And just as Robinson struggles not to be like his legendary, killed-in-action adventurer father, so Will Robinson grapples to be different from his own dad. Of course, it doesn't work; it never does. Fortunately for the audience, Maureen is around to impart this explicitly: "Funny creatures, men — they try so hard not to be their fathers, then end up making the same mistakes."

Hurt, modern entertainment's most accomplished self-doubter, is perfect for this sort of angst-ridden ambiguity. Sort of an absentee husband as well, he often yields to Maureen's far superior inner strength; he knows not to mess with her when she's mad. "What do you think I'm doing here — throwing a Tupperware party?" she barks at him.

Despite such heavy-handedness, *Lost in Space* raises, as science fiction should, some fascinating and relevant issues.

Think you've got problems during the family vacation? Try spending the next 10 years in a summer cottage-size spacecraft with the clan. Don't understand dad's late hours at the office? In a 10-year-old's eyes, every father is off saving the world from 9 to 5. John Robinson just does it supported by millions of dollars in special effects.

Not to mention the fact that the very idea of a nuclear family — mom, dad, three kids — that remains together through thick and thin is sort of an anomaly in 1998.

Of course, the Robinsons have little choice but to stick together. Doing battle with giant spiders is generally more pressing than therapy and feel-good family talk.

The issues real families face are pretty dark. They generally have to do with loss, aberrant behavior, often with death. So if you elevate that to science fiction terms, you have to deal with real peril," says Goldsman, 35, who grew up watching *Lost in Space* reruns in the early 1970s.

"It's not a new theme: It's *Swiss Family Robinson*, he says. "I don't think they're named Robinson by accident." This is no longer television, though. No one



'We're trying to save the planet here — there's no time for fun,' says Judy (Heather Graham), who's like a female version of Scotty in 'Star Trek.'

wants to see a dad like Guy Williams' TV John Robinson — confident and strong, authoritarian and unshaken — running things perfectly. Today we gravitate toward, even crave human angst, and the action matters little

without the motivation behind it. *Lost in Space* the movie shows us that in spaces. (AP)

Adina Hoffman's review of 'Lost in Space' will appear in tomorrow's Time Out.

Hot tips

By DANIELA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

The city is one big beach party tonight.

Start on the northern beaches and simply work your way down the shore. At 6 p.m., just when Tel Aviv starts cooling down, end the week with a taste of wine.

Wine, wine, food and more wine is free tonight at the Tel Aviv Port, for the last day of the wine and gourmet festival. Enjoy sushi, chicken, pasta, fish, meat and noodles — and over 200 types of wine. Don't forget the Brazilian carnival and spontaneous samba dancing.

Continuing south, the

Dolphinarium will host a live reggae evening (in lieu of last week's canceled festival), with the African Roots band.

At the southernmost point, hit Jaffa's Musical Nights series because it closes tonight. Micha Shetreet is the evening's act, accompanied by Shmulik Cross, Yitzhak Klapner and Ilan Verber. Festive and free! It takes place at Gan Hapisa, starting at 9:30 p.m. Can't quite make it all the way to Jaffa? Turn in at the Dolphinarium to the Suzanne Dellal Center instead, where the Inbal ethnic center is hosting Chijazz tonight, with Ayal Selah and his group playing a healthy combination of Balkan and Middle Eastern sounds. The group uses all manner of wind instruments — including Norwegian and Turkish instruments, as well as western guitar, and Middle Eastern percussion instruments. Yair Delal participates, along with Avi Agbava.

Meanwhile, across the square, the dancing continues.

Meholohet offers an experience tonight in performance/movement theater: Arutz al-Quds gives their biting, hyper-paced political criticism in a show that defies categorization. This group manages to

blend political parodies with dance and frighteningly sharp dialogue: the result is brilliant. Starts tonight at 9. (03) 510-5656.

For those who feel safer on the mainland, there is plenty of music in the heart of town. Tonight at Enav Center, Dana Berger plays to Tel Aviv (starting at 9:30).

Jazz junkies can hole up underground, at ZOA House. Tonight, its Underground Hall features Hablunim, Hara'ash Hapnini and The Wild Man, starting at 10:45.

Northern dwellers might just stay put: Jazz venue Appropos Zahala hosts a tribute to Billie Holiday with Riki Manor, starting at 10 p.m. (03) 649-0713.

Otherwise, pack a picnic and see Yehoram Gaon perform tonight at the Amphitheater in Hayarkon Park. Call (03) 642-0487 for information.

Good reviews keep a show in business. The Nissim Naiv Acting Studio brings its end-of-year play *Blood Wedding* to the big city tonight, starting at 8:30 at Tzavta.

Jerusalem

The Cameri's Hanoch Levin classic *The Whore From Ohio* is on the holy city's theater agenda

tonight.

In typically dour Levin fashion, the story tells of a street beggar who longs for a high-class hooker, but must settle for a simple street-walker, played by Gita Munte. He shouldn't complain: Munte gives consistently wonderful performances (as an actress). At the Sherover Theater, 9 p.m. (02) 560-5755.

Folk music hits town! At Giora's Restaurant in the Gesher Center, the banjo-beating Bruce Brill and Joshua Goodman pluck and wail away this evening, 10 King David Street, 9 p.m. (02) 624-1015.

And tomorrow night, treat yourself to one of Israel's finest female vocalists, with some of the country's most nostalgic songs. Hava Alberstein gives a show, entitled *I'll Talk to You* that combines all her classic works. At Beit Shmuel, 10:30, 6 Shama Street (02) 620-3456.

And Points Beyond

The ubiquitous Pablo Rosenberg plays from "Only the Heart Knows," at the Muza club in Netanya, 10 p.m.

The country seems to have folk fever, as Kibbutz Tzora follows Jerusalem's lead. Tonight, the kib-

but hosts a Folk and Country Music Club, starring Larry Gamliel and Sara Marcus. Judy and Lynn Lewis. Kibbutz Tzora, 9. (02) 990-8382.

Tomorrow night, see Rami Kleinstein at Ein Hod. His show is entitled *Anything you Want*, and begins at 10 p.m. (04) 984-0859.

Theater up north tonight includes *Protected Area* at the Moadon in Haifa. This is a production based on a play by Simon Bloch called *Chimps*. It's at 8:30.

Television

And if the multitude of musicians available leave you uninspired, there are two radically opposite tube possibilities.

Channel 2 offers the ludicrous and highly entertaining *Schwarzenegger* flick *Kindergarten Cop*. No surprises, but fun for the family, starting at 9:46 p.m.

The more morose among us will be intrigued by *Heavenly Creatures*, a disturbing and intelligent film about a murder committed by two teenage girls in New Zealand. A penetrating social-psychological examination of their relationship is particularly compelling. Movie Channel, 10 p.m.

Celebrating in Netanya

By SARAH HERSHENSON

Pub shel Simha is a rollicking Israeli-style pub that prides itself on excellent Israeli food and live music for dancing the night away. Much of the dancing is done on top of the hard, sturdy tables that take the pounding of some 200 guests a night.

Located in the old industrial area of Netanya, Pub shel Simha has recently undergone a complete renovation. Its two, very large rooms have been painted and the wood tables and bar have been shined to a high gloss. There is new lighting and an impressive sound system. The mirrored bar now holds a complete array of fine liquors, and its glasses are lined up in racks suspended from the ceiling.

"This is all part of our new image," remarks owner Simha Koten, who opened the pub eight years ago. "As our audience has matured so have we. Now customers must be over 20 years of age to enter. This means our drinks must be more varied and our place must shine. Nevertheless, the feeling of celebration (*simha*) remains." The pub boasts live music on the three nights a week it is open to the public and Koten notes that emphasis has changed from mostly reggae and pop to Israeli-Mizrahi music.

"We are returning to our roots," Koten says. "We have always featured singers and groups whose careers are on the rise. Singers Mordi, Moishke and Ruchele, Netanael and Reuven Erez are the types who we invite to perform here. In addition, every Saturday evening, we have karaoke performances with a live band."

The food served at Pub shel Simha is famous for its excellence. A Yemenite cook heads the kitchen and Koten prepares the humous, ful, and the Yemenite meat soup. Although the pub does not have a kosher certificate, all the food is made on the premises and Koten says it is kosher.

A very popular dish on the menu is the fried platter that serves three to four people for NIS 50. It consists of wings, franks, Middle Eastern spicy cigars, fried onions, potatoes, and kebab. A half liter of Tuborg beer is NIS 18 and Maccabee beer is NIS 15.

There is a minimum charge of NIS 50 per person seated. Pub shel Simha is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. On Friday evening, reservations are a must. From Sunday to Wednesday the pub is closed to the public and open only for private parties and larger affairs.

If you ask a Netanya cab driver for the most frequented pub in the area, he will probably say, "Pub shel Simha."

Pub shel Simha, Rehov Shechterman, Old Industrial Area, Netanya

Maestros on my mind

IPO concertmaster Menahem Breuer talks about his favorite conductors

Menahem Breuer is a compact man who bristles with energy while radiating Old World charm. Born in Eisenstadt, Austria, he came with his family to Israel at the age of four.

Although he is proud of his Austrian background and his biography appears in the book *Newland — Israel Artists of Austrian Origin*, his home, education, family and work have all been centered in Israel.

He studied violin with Oedoen Partos and graduated from the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. Three days after being released from the IDF, he was "drafted" into the Israel Philharmonic and has remained there ever since.

"I am the longest-working musician in the IPO to play with Zubin Mehta," he says.

For the last 12 years, Breuer has been the concertmaster of the orchestra.

"A concertmaster does more than just walk on stage and ask the oboe player for an 'A' in order to tune up the orchestra," says Breuer with a chuckle.

"The concertmaster is the leader of the first violin section which is, in turn, the leader of the entire orchestral ensemble."

In that role, Breuer is responsible for solos, the preparation of parts — especially new music — and acts as a conduit between the orchestral sections and the conductor.

In addition to making music with the IPO, Menahem Breuer is the violinist with the acclaimed Israel Piano Trio and gives master classes at international and prestigious music festivals.

Apart from music, he delights in astronomy. He recently saw a comet hitting planet Jupiter, and will take a few hours off from the IPO's summer European tour to travel to Belgium and see a total eclipse of the sun.

Here he talks about the conducting luminaries in his life.

1. Leonard Bernstein

"Bernstein was extremely close to our orchestra. I was very lucky to work with him. The piece and performance I most associate with Bernstein is the Mahler Ninth Symphony, which is to me the 'Everest' of the symphonic repertoire. We played it on tour with him through the United States, Europe and Japan."

2. Charles Munch

"He would come almost every year to conduct the IPO. Munch was the most charming person, conductor, and musician. When I think of him, I always see the *Symphonie Fantastique* by Berlioz



which he conducted with such grace, elegance, and beauty."

3. Sir John Barbirolli

"Another frequent visitor to our orchestra, he was so respected that he sat on the IPO auditioning panel. I remember very special performances of works such as Mahler's Second Symphony and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony which were often played by the orchestra."

4. Zubin Mehta

"He has been our music director for over 35 years. His performances all incorporate great flair and warmth."

"The late Artur Schnabel, who came almost every year to play with our orchestra, insisted on playing with Zubin Mehta. In fact, Rubinstein's last recording was the Brahms Concerto No. 4 with Zubin Mehta and the IPO."

"Mehta had a rare ability to inspire and create a fantastic atmosphere between himself, the orchestra, and the audience. I remember the performance two years ago of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis. I played the violin solo and there was a marvelous chorus from Prague with vocal soloists. It was a unique performance which lifted one to very high spheres."

5. Dimitri Mitropoulos

"He came only once to conduct the IPO. It was his first and last visit to Israel in 1957, the first year we played in the Mann Auditorium. He was so enthusiastic about Israel and said, 'I will come now every year to conduct your orchestra.' However, at the end of that year he died."

"With Mitropoulos we played a concert performance of Puccini's *Tosca* that was unforgettable. I was a young musician in the orchestra, but I remember every moment of that performance."

— Sarah Hersenson

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Weekender Food & Drink



Ahead of the curve

More and more vegetarian entrees are appearing on restaurant menus. Try these trendsetters in your own home.

By Steven Petusevsky

I'm on the road constantly for my job, which gives me the chance to scope out restaurants around the US for fresh approaches to vegetarian dishes. Here are some of the trends I've been spotting lately:

- The number of vegetarian offerings is soaring. I'm not talking about beans and rice either. Places from small local ethnic restaurants to hip bistros are serving creative vegetarian fare. In many cases, they even are stressing the use of organically grown produce.

- Unlike in the past, almost all the restaurants I'm visiting can accommodate my requests for meatless versions of their meat-based dishes.

- More high-end restaurants are devoting larger chunks of their menus to vegetarian dishes, sometimes with multiple-course meatless meals.

- I'm finding more extensive use of grains and noodles. Quinoa, basmati rice, cracked wheat, and barley are taking the place of plain rice. Noodles of all sizes and shapes are showing up nearly everywhere.

- Many restaurants are reducing their emphasis on poultry and beef. Instead, they're beefing up their vegetable and starch side dishes.

- Fusion cooking has found its way onto vegetarian menus in all types of eateries. Afghan, Ethiopian, Vietnamese, Lebanese, Mexican, and other influences are not only healthy, but also generally inexpensive.

All this trend-spotting inspired me to create some recipes that reflect the best of what I've seen. All in all, I think you'll find that with these recipes, being ahead of the curve is one of the best locations for your table.

CHICKPEA-AND-CORN PATTIES

Serve these with salsa, either a commercial brand from the supermarket shelf or a fresh salsa recipe.

2 tsp. olive oil, divided
1 1/2 cups fresh corn kernels (about 3 ears)
1 cup chopped onion
1 tsp. minced fresh or 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
500 gr. can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
3 Tbsp. cornmeal, divided
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground red pepper cooking spray

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a large nonstick

skillet over medium-high heat. Add corn, onion and thyme and saute 2 minutes. Place onion mixture, chickpeas, bread crumbs, 2 Tbsp. cornmeal, salt and red pepper in a food processor. Pulse twice or until combined and chunky.

Divide chickpea mixture into 4 equal portions, shaping each into a 1-cm. thick patty. Dredge patties in 1 Tbsp. cornmeal.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add patties; cook 5 minutes. Carefully turn patties over; cook 5 minutes or until golden. (Serves 4.)

LEBANESE FATOUSH SALAD

1 cup red bell pepper strips
1 cup green bell pepper strips
1 cup thinly sliced peeled cucumber
1/2 cup thinly sliced onion
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh coriander
2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 tomatoes, cut into 3/4-cm. thick wedges
1 pita, toasted and torn into bite-size pieces

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and toss gently to coat. (Serves 4.)

SAMOSA QUESADILLAS

2 tsp. olive oil
1 cup very thinly sliced cabbage
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped carrot
1 Tbsp. curry powder
1 tsp. minced peeled fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup mashed peeled potato, cooked without salt or fat
1/2 cup frozen green peas, thawed
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
8 flour tortillas
1 cup shredded Muenster cheese

Preheat oven to 175°. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the cabbage and next 5 ingredients (cabbage through garlic) and saute 3 minutes or until the cabbage is crisp-tender. Remove from heat and stir in potato, peas and soy sauce.

Place 4 tortillas on a large baking sheet. Spread about 1/2 cup potato mixture over each tortilla; top each with 1/4 cup cheese and a tortilla. Bake at 175° for 15 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Cut each quesadilla into 4 wedges. (Serves 4.)

STUFFED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

marinated mushrooms:
1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1 Tbsp. olive oil
2 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. black pepper
4 garlic cloves, minced
4 large portobello mushrooms, gills and stems removed

stuffing:
1 tsp. olive oil
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
1/2 cup diced yellow bell pepper
1/2 cup diced onion
4 cups sourdough bread, cut in 1-cm. cubes
1/2 cup shredded mild yellow cheese
1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
2 Tbsp. water
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

To prepare marinated mushrooms, combine first 6 ingredients in a large zip-top plastic bag. Add the mushrooms, seal and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 175°. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add bell peppers and onion; saute 3 minutes. Combine bell pepper mixture and bread cubes in a large bowl; stir in cheese, parsley, water and eggs.

Drain mushrooms and discard marinade. Place mushroom caps, stem sides up, on a baking sheet. Spoon 1 cup stuffing into each mushroom cap and sprinkle each with 1/2 tsp. Parmesan cheese. Bake at 175° for 25 minutes or until lightly browned and mushrooms are tender. (Serves 4.)

LINGUINE WITH ARUGULA AND SUN-DRIED TOMATOES

2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 cup thinly sliced onion
1 cup chopped, trimmed arugula
1/2 cup vegetable broth
1/2 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes, packed without oil
1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 cups hot cooked linguine
1/4 cup grated Asiago cheese

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and saute 4 minutes or until tender. Add arugula, broth, sun-dried tomatoes, pepper and garlic and cook 3 minutes.

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SPICY TOFU AND NOODLES WITH MUSHROOMS

1 cup boiling water
15 gr. package dried wood-ear or shiitake mushrooms
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup finely chopped carrot
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
1 tsp. chili-garlic sauce
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 Tbsp. water
2 1/2 cups cooked rice vermicelli
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
1 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
1 tsp. sugar
2 tsp. rice vinegar
2 cups firm tofu, cubed
12 lettuce leaves
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted

Combine boiling water and mushrooms in a bowl; cover and let stand 15 minutes. Drain and chop mushrooms.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and next 5 ingredients (chopped onion through garlic) and saute 3 minutes.

Combine cornstarch and 1 Tbsp. water in a small bowl. Add cornstarch mixture, vermicelli and next 5 ingredients (vermicelli through tofu) to skillet; saute 2 minutes or until sauce is thick.

Spoon 1/2 cup tofu mixture into each lettuce leaf; drizzle 2 tsp. hoisin sauce over each serving. Sprinkle each serving with 1 tsp. pine nuts. (Serves 12.)

SPICY WHITE-BEAN SPREAD

Serve as a dip with raw vegetables or with a crusty baguette.

3 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
1 tsp. ground cumin
2 450 gr. cans navy beans, drained
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
1/4 cup minced red bell pepper
1/4 cup minced fresh coriander
1/2 cup minced green onions
1/2 tsp. salt

Place the first 6 ingredients in a food processor and pulse twice or until well-blended. Pour bean mixture into a large bowl; stir in bell pepper and remaining ingredients. (Makes 3 1/2 cups.)

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By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Phyllis's Tips

do without. (Natural Israeli apple juices do not contain preservatives.)

A 1.89 liter container of ice cream sells for NIS 19.90. Cider costs NIS 12.95 for 1.89 liters.

Hod Lavan's anniversary
Hod Lavan, Israel's No. 1 exporter of turkey products, is celebrating its 25th anniversary by distributing sandwich recipes especially for summer. The recipes were just developed by chef Hanoch Bar-Shalom.

The company produces a variety of delicious turkey products that are tasty, even if they do contain chemicals like nitrates and phosphates, that we should avoid. In any case, here's one of Hanoch's recipes.

DUCK WITH GINGER & SUN-DRIED TOMATO SPREAD

50 gr. sun-dried tomatoes
1 cup olive oil
3 Tbsp. fresh chopped ginger
1-2 garlic cloves
1 Tbsp. fresh sage or oregano, chopped
2 Italian gebata breads
10 slices of fried eggplant
150 gr. smoked sliced duck breast
lettuce, tomato slices or radish slices (optional)

Cook the tomatoes in boiling water for 20 minutes and drain. Place tomatoes, oil, ginger, garlic and sage in a food processor and process till smooth.

Remove the edges from the breads and slice them in half widthwise. Spread with the tomato spread and top with eggplant and duck. You also can add lettuce, tomato or radish slices and cover. (Serves 2.)

Master wok (OK-good)
Just as New Yorkers developed their own versions of Spanish, French, Mexican and Indian cuisines, a cuisine that could be

called New York Cantonese also has evolved. It is something New Yorkers cherish, in spite of the fact that it bears little resemblance to what is served up in Beijing. Master Wok, a franchise of the Chinese take-out restaurant chain along the US's east coast, just opened at the Azrieli Center in Tel Aviv. The chef is a former assistant to the chef of the Tel Aviv Hilton.

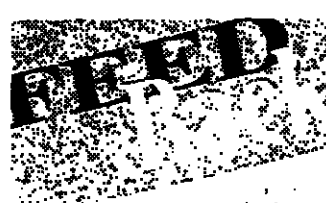
The food is fresh and colorful, much of it is tasty and all of it is kosher New-York Cantonese. We liked the chicken dishes and the presence of a vegetable and tofu stir-fry. We also loved the use of fresh mushrooms.

We'd like to suggest working on the egg rolls, and adding a little bit more seasoning (not salt or soy sauce) to the food in general, especially the soup. I'd go for more ginger and garlic.

The raw materials are good quality, so if you're hungry and not out for a gourmet meal, it's a reasonable place to stop in for lunch or dinner (it is open 11:45 a.m. to 11 p.m.). Kids who like Chinese-style food will feel right at home at this clean, unpretentious restaurant.

Spice cubes (avoid)
In America we had bouillon cubes, used for both beverages and cooking. In Israel we have Tibolot spice cubes, manufactured by Knorr. They come in various flavors like Mediterranean and the newest flavor, roast. Why anyone would use these products is beyond me. Use it in more than one dish of a meal and they'll both taste like the same thing.

Why pay money for hydro-generated fat, salt, flavor enhancers, flavoring and aromatic materials, flour, vegetable stabilizer, corn syrup and antioxidants, preservatives, etc. when you can use a few inexpensive quality spices and achieve a far more delicious (and natural) result? NIS 6.25 for eight cubes.



My husband doesn't like the taste of fresh tomatoes in a stew. Since the color of the stew and the flavor is so much better when tomatoes are added, can I use tomato paste instead?

— Helen Rappoport, Ramat Gan

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

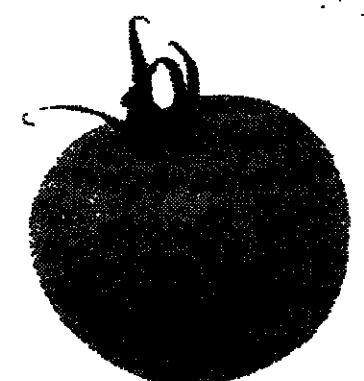
How much do you have to grease a pan when the recipe calls for greasing? What's the best thing to use? Should it be a thick or thin layer? What about greasing and flouring?

— Vivian Krieger, Hod Hasharon

You can use oil spray or margarine, but do not use oil. Use your fingers, a paper towel, the wrapper of the margarine package, or wax paper to make a thin layer of margarine. Make sure to coat the corners of the pan completely.

Use 1 tsp.-1 Tbsp. flour to coat the pan. Make sure to tap the pan on all sides so the flour is evenly distributed. Shake out excess flour by tapping on the bottom. Keep the pan in a cool dry place while preparing the batter.

Always rest the cake about 10 minutes on a rack after removing it from the oven. Then turn it over and knock gently on the bottom of the pan to remove it.



I've been very successful using tomato paste in stews. It thickens the sauce and the color changes when it is combined with vegetables and meat or chicken so it can't be identified as tomatoes, especially if you add a touch of soy sauce.

We have three children, aged four, seven and nine. It seems that no matter what trouble my wife goes to to prepare nutritious meals for the children, all they want to eat is pasta. In order to give them additional

vitamins, she mixes in cottage cheese, which they accept. This is the major part of their diet, and they don't like salads. What do you think?

— Max Cohen, Beersheba

You should be thankful that your kids like pasta with cottage cheese because it contains protein. You might also want to try serving them different types of pasta, like the kind made from quinoa available in health-food stores. I'd also suggest sprinkling a little wheat germ on the pasta for added food value.

I don't think you should give up on salads; always offer vegetables, even if it's only sliced cucumbers and cherry tomatoes, so that they get used to seeing them. They might surprise you one day.

Fruit also is a good source of the vitamins and minerals you're seeking for your children. Perhaps you'll be more successful in encouraging them to eat fruit.

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Wine Cellar

Tuscan wines: A joy to drink

By NOGA TARNOPOLSKY

Everything about the northern Italian province of Tuscany seems to be slightly magical, from its operatic name and gastronomic fame to its landscape of long winding roads, gently rolling hills and sun-dappled vines. These vines produce some of the most celebrated wines on Earth, many of which, not surprisingly, are perfectly suited to everything from pizza to the finest examples of Italian cuisine.

The residents of Tuscany I have met seem capable of putting away almost endless amounts of both food and wine with no apparent harm and with tremendous joy. Many of the wines reviewed below are fine examples of what produces such joy.

Castello di Brolio, Casaleferro 1994: This bright red wine with youthful purple highlights, is a good wine by any standard but I have to give it special mention for survival. The bottle I received came with a bad cork (both moldy and disintegrated), as occasionally happens with even the finest wine. I expected the wine to be dead in the bottle, but instead found myself tasting a charming, full-bodied wine made entirely of San Giovese grapes (which are somewhat reminiscent of a good merlot) with flavors ranging from blackberries to herbs and undertones of chocolate. (Castello di Brolio wines are produced by Ricasoli.)

Finfol, Barbera d'Asi 1996 Prunotto: This young wine is so light it seems to disappear as soon as it is in your mouth, leading to unpleasant comparisons with water. I am sorry to say that despite the promise in its lovely shade of garnet, both its aroma and its flavors are dissolute.

Villa Antinori, Chianti Classico Riserva 1994: This superb wine is recommended for the finest meals. Antinori is a fine wine maker who never seems to miss; this wine, with a clean, clear garnet color, is full-bodied, smooth and silky. It has wonderful aromas of smoke and wild herbs and its flavors of forest berries, cherries and plums remain beautifully on the palate.

Ricasoli, Chianti Classico Riserva 1994: The aroma of the wooden barrels in which it was produced is pleasant and preponderant in this bright red wine. Medium-bodied and generally pleasing, it has flavors of blackberries, sage and cherries, which emerge when the wine is allowed to breathe for about an hour. It is an excellent accompaniment for osso buco or other meat dishes cooked with and in wine.

Castello di Brolio, Chianti Classico Riserva 1994: This is a light-bodied but pleasant chianti classico with flavors of cherries, forest berries and sage that delight briefly but do not remain in the mouth. Bright red with purplish highlights, it is a good wine for pasta or pizza nights.

Col d'Orcia, Brunello di Montalcino 1993: A friend who tasted this wine said, "it has fun in your mouth," and she is right. This is a delightful, medium-bodied wine with aromas of pine and berries. It stays (and plays) like velvet on the palate and has subtly developing flavors of plum, wild herbs and berries.

Col d'Orcia, Rosso di Montalcino 1996: This smooth on the palate, with a woody flavor that develops into fruitier flavors in the mouth, especially Santa Rosa plums and wild herbs.

Take a walk on the seaside

Day Tripper

By Haim Shapiro



There is nothing more pleasant than to relax in one of Netanya's cafes, enjoying the sea breeze with a beer or coffee. (David Brauner)

For a Mediterranean country, Israel has relatively few sea fronts to stroll along. Perhaps that's why French and British tourists always go back to Netanya.

The city is built on a bluff overlooking the sea and boasts a promenade stretching along a cliff edge. What in the past resembled a formal garden with high hedges and straight paths today seems more like random greenery. The path itself gently undulates along the seashore, offering a view of the sea and beach below.

There is an hourly bus from the center of

town to the beach, but the main access is down the long stairways from the promenade. The descent is easy enough, but the climb up takes a bit of an effort. Happily, there are plenty of kiosks, restaurants and snack bars along the beach, so you don't have to leave until the end of the day.

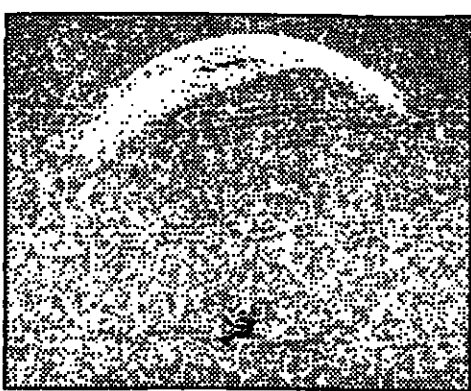
For those who enjoy just watching the sea, it is now visible not only from the promenade, but also from the central square at the end of Rehov Herzl, where the stage for public performances has been lowered.

This large, public square is rather bare and exposed to the sun during the day, but when the sun sets over the Mediterranean it frames the entire town in magnificence.

The square and Rehov Herzl are lined with cafes and restaurants, some with a honky-tonk look about them. Large signs advertise set meals at attractive prices.

I find there is nothing more pleasant than to relax in one of these cafes, enjoying the sea breeze with a beer or a cup of coffee. The cake is pretty good too.

For those who are not content to sit around and rusticate, Netanya offers paragliding, bowling and karting, a type of entertainment that allows participants to feel as if they are racing in high-powered cars. What they are



For those seeking more than a lazy day at the beach, Netanya offers paragliding (above), bowling and karting. (Sean Cohen)

actually driving are low-slung vehicles powered by motors similar to those used in lawn mowers. The sport is thrilling, even though the maximum speed is only about 80 km/h and the low center of gravity makes the vehicles relatively safe.

The Netanya facility at 1 Derech Harakevet, just east of the Netanya Interchange on the Coastal Highway has two tracks, which are combined into one for racing events. A computer records the car's speed every lap and drivers get a printout at the end of their session.

On ordinary days, when there are no races, an adult can simply show up, receive a few minutes of instruction, don a helmet and take off around the track. Teenagers 13-16 years old must first take an hour-long lesson.

During my own brief introduction to the sport, everything I had learned about taking a car into a curve was made crystal clear. I found that if I went into the curve too fast, the car would knock into the rubber barricade. On the other hand, I was reminded of the benefits of speeding up while going out of a curve, and how to correct a skid.

Karting, I found, can be an addictive activity and having tried it once, I am eager to do it again.

Prices for the Netanya karting facility start at NIS 50 for 10 minutes. For information, call (09) 832-2306.

Weekender Travel



Netanya is built on a bluff overlooking the sea and boasts a promenade stretching along a cliff edge.

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The Israel Electric Corporation invites bids for the supply of the following goods/services:

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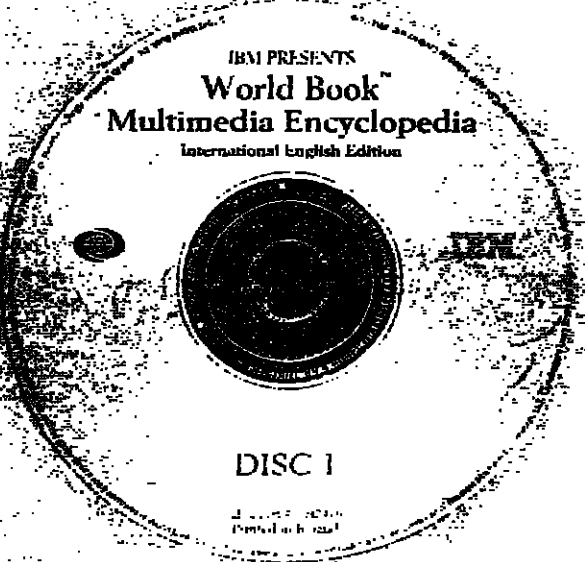


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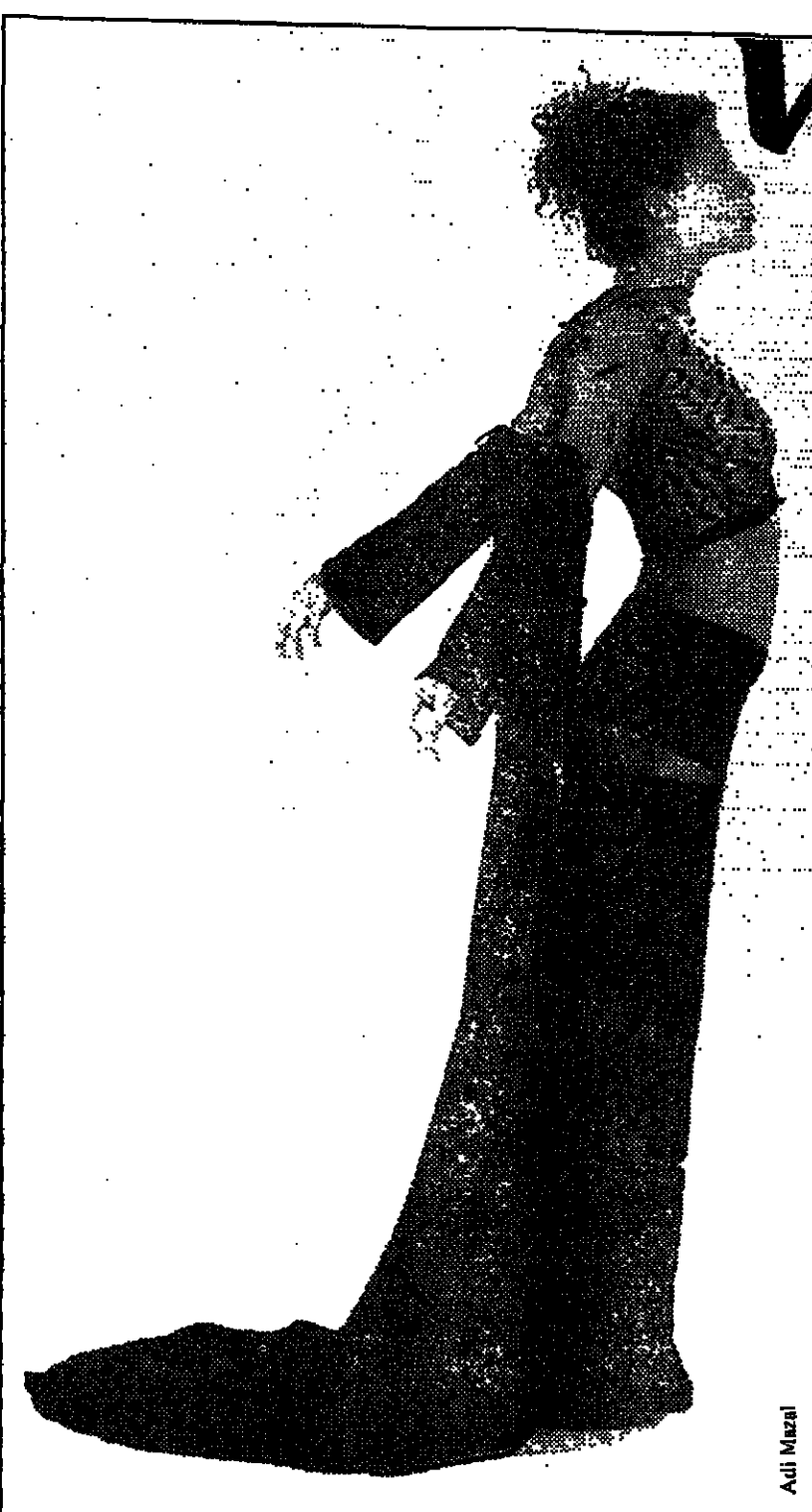
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Weekender Leisure



Designers

on the verge



Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

With Israel's fashion industry in the doldrums, one can't help wondering what happens to all the budding talent cultivated in fashion schools across the country.

The question became especially bewildering last week at the Tel Aviv Cinerama where graduate students of the prestigious Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion presented 33 eye-catching collections at the End-of-Year Show.

Some of the concepts were pure kitsch — others dramatic and eminently wearable. Free of commercial constraints which often stifle creativity, the young designers did whatever grabbed their fancy.

Each collection was based on a theme, but other than in the case of Rachel Webber's Barbie girls in pink candy-striped tutus, the

audience was left guessing.

The mere announcement of the designer's name and the title of the collection was insufficient. Uninformed spectators could only regard each of the items on a superficial level without any understanding of the motivating muse.

Although each of the designs was executed by a different person, there was a strong relationship between many of them.

The fine gossamer knits which seemed to explore every possible spiderweb design were gorgeous, albeit somewhat too revealing, with the exception of those by Nurit Ben-Horin, who, perhaps thinking to the future, had a more conservative clientele in mind. Dana Gal was also inclined to cover up, but her close-fitting slender dresses contained more fantasy. Tali Yahud Keinan left less to the imagination, but imbued her designs with greater elegance, covering her sensuous see-through dresses with long black coats whose minimalism

(Clockwise from top left) Tali Yahud Keinan covers her sensuous see-through dresses with long black coats; Betty Swerdmish-Zakin's femme-fatale creations in skin-tight royal purple leather sport tapered waists and low necklines; a certain naivete reminiscent of the 1950s permeates the white hand-painted dresses of Sigal Eshel; Yossi Katsav successfully merges macho with 'shloach' to create clothes for the renaissance man of the '90s.

spoke volumes. Shimrit Shrik's transparencies were much more provocative as were Natalie Sherman's, which in some cases were modified by flesh-colored lining.

Keren Raviv brilliantly employed flesh-colored diaphanous Lycra mesh, not as lining, but to create the impression of nudity in her black satin-Lycra evening dresses, cut asymmetrically to accentuate every curve.

Far less subtle were Betty Swerdmish-Zakin's femme-fatale creations in skin-tight royal purple leather with strong waist emphasis and low necklines.

Leather was also the medium of Dorit Philip, whose extraordinary cut-outs were a feast for the eye.

A certain naivete reminiscent of the 1950s permeated the white hand-painted dresses of Sigal Eshel, who showed both straight and full-skirted versions.

In menswear, Yossi Katsav successfully merged macho with 'shloach' to create clothes for the renaissance man of the late '90s.

It seems unfair to single out only a few names from such a wide-ranging presentation. It's not that the other collections lacked imagination or originality. But they

were not necessarily clothes that one could wear in the street or to a party.

For instance, Hadass Tsur's body-skimming gowns, which were meant to underline the powerlessness of women to express themselves, featured one dress with a funnel neckline that covered part of the nose and another which incorporated a balaclava head-gear.

They were certainly conversational pieces, but not exactly the sort of thing most of us would incorporate into our wardrobes despite our admiration for the design.

Bridge

Major controversy resurfaces

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
East-West vulnerable

North
♠ A J 8 3
♥ Q J 8 3
♦ 4
♣ 9 7 5 4

West East
♠ K 4 2 ♠ 6 5
♥ 9 2 ♥ A K 10 7 6
♦ J 9 8 ♦ A 10 6 5 2
♣ J 10 6 3 2 ♣ A

South
♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ 5 4
♦ K Q 7 3
♣ K Q 8

Auction 1
South West North East
1 ♠ pass 1 ♥ pass
1 ♠ pass 2 ♠ (all pass)

Auction 2
South West North East
1 ♠ pass 3 ♠ 4 ♥
(all pass)

The controversy between opening four-card majors or five-card majors has fizzled out in many areas of the world, most prominently in the US and France, where more than 95 percent of the players use five-card majors. Therefore, to find an interesting book in the English language based on four-card-major openings is rare.

Recently, however, the second edition of a Swedish book was published in English. Its name is *Major Suit Raises — the Scanian Way*, by Mats Nilsson and Anders Wirgren.

The authors are both internationalists, as you can tell from the subject matter. However, despite the high level of bidding tools offered in the book, the authors do a marvelous job in explaining the material in a simple fashion. No matter what system you play, you could easily adopt part or all of the methods provided in the book.

The subject matter is bidding, from the opening bid in a major suit to the single raise, double raise, forcing raise, splinter bids, and competitive bids. The authors hope to convert the reader to four-card major openings, but again, it's not necessary to play this in order to profit from the book. Today's deal is a four-hand dia-

gram in the book (their numerous examples are two-hand diagrams showing the opening and responder bidding a hand together). The authors use today's deal to illustrate why four-card majors are superior.

Playing five-card majors, the bidding starts one diamond, pass, one heart, and East will be warned of the misfit. He'll then let North-South play two spades, which can be defeated one trick by means of a defensive cross-ruff.

In the first auction shown, East is locked out of the bidding with his two red suits, but still goes plus on the hand. West leads the time of hearts.

East can cash four tricks and lead a third round of hearts (his lowest).

South ruffs but West overruffs with his king of spades and returns a club to give East a ruff and set the contract.

In the second auction, the Scanian Way takes over.

"In our methods the bidding starts one spade, pass, three spades, and, theoretically speaking, North-South are overboard, as the defenders can take six tricks. But is it likely that three spades will be the final contract? Of course not. East will either double for take-out (and West isn't going to pass), or show a two-suiter with 3NT, or take a shot at four hearts."

"In either case, North-South get a plus result, in their column, because of the quick bidding initiated by the four-card opening. In a five-card major framework the slower start makes it possible for East-West to evaluate their hands better. It's because of the competitive factor that we like the four-card style. It lets our side find a 4-4 fit much quicker than if we open a balanced minimum with one of a minor."

I agree with the authors, though many players find four-card majors difficult to handle, often ending in a 4-3 fit.

Once, however, I was teaching a beginners' class, and one fellow, a gym player, sat in for a tardy student.

"What do you bid on this hand?" I asked as he gazed at his five-card spade suit.

"I open two diamonds," he said.

With that, I asked him to take a seat on the sidelines until the real student showed.

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Chess

A tournament to remember

By NIGEL SHORT

Some tournaments are distinctly forgettable but the World Junior Championship in Mexico City 1981 will forever remain etched in my memory.

The British Chess Federation (God bless them) had arranged for me to travel down from the North West to Gatwick, whereupon I would meet up with my second, grandmaster Michael Stean, before boarding a flight to Miami.

Accordingly, I set out on a train from Manchester at the crack of dawn. On arrival at the airport, however, I discovered that there were substantial delays due to the air-traffic control strike in the US.

There was nothing to do but wait. After many hours we eventually were allowed to board. Exhausted by the day's proceedings, I dozed off in my seat until I was awoken by the sensation of the plane descending.

"Are we there, Michael?" I asked. "No," he replied. "We've just landed in Manchester."

We got there in the end. The tournament itself was rather hazardous, the traffic was anarchic, the fumes asphyxiating and the food disgusting. In addition, people kept getting shot dead on our hotel doorstep.

But by far the most dangerous threat to my winning prospects was the exquisite Mexican beauty, Hilda.

The organizers, in their great wisdom, had decided to place a scribe at each board to record each game. On two occasions Hilda sat right next to me. I truly love chess, but my concentration has its limits. I was crushed both times. All considered, a third-place finish was not bad.

Many of the participants would later become established internationalists, such as Elnevest, Salov, Hjararson, Morovic and Agdestein. But the surprise winner was Ognjen Cvitan from Yugoslavia. He was to prove something of a one-hit won-

der. Once in a while, though, he still shows the tactical skills he used for his greatest triumph.

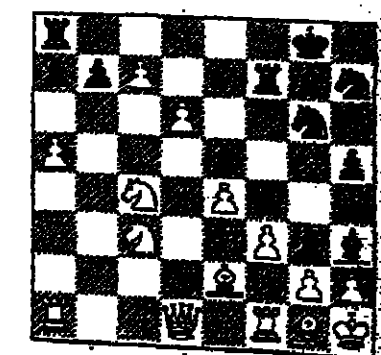
White: Lubomir Ftacnik
Black: Ognjen Cvitan
Germany, 1997

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Ne3 0-0 5. e4 d6 6. Be2 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Nd2 Ne8 10. b4 f5 11. c5 Nf6 12. f3 f4 The stage is set. Both sides have delineated their fields of operations — White the queenside, Black the king side. The difference is that if White crashes through, it will be mate.

13. Nc4 g5 14. a4 Kg6 15. Bx3 Rf7 16. b5 dxc5 17. Bxc5 h5 18. a5 g4 19. b6 g3 Black's attack is menacing but don't let the result of the game influence you unduly, the position is objectively unclear.

20. Kh1 Nh7 21. d6 Qh4 22. Bg1 Bb3! Posing a wicked threat which White fails to observe. 23. bxc7? 23. gxf3! Qxh3 24. Rf2! gxf2 25. Bxf2 would have led to an advantage for White.

Black (Cvitan) to play



White (Ftacnik)

23. ...Bxc7+! 24. Kxg2? Qh3+!! Simply beautiful.
25. Kxh3 Ng5+ 26. Kg2 Nf4+ And in view of 27. Kh1 g2 mate, White resigned.

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Volkswagen	171.5	+5.6

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NYSE Comp.	492.22	-2.07
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	Last	Change
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MATIF	11.96	-0.01
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	Last	Change
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US COMMODITIES		
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College Saver (CBSC)	111.4	-22.85	
College Saver (CBST)	232.26	-3.75	
Savoyman Saver (SBOT)	572.75	-0.75	
Sugar (COT) (COT)	8.52	-0.01	
Orange Juice (SOJ) (COT)	107	-0.1	
Crushed Oil (SOY) (MEX)	4.48	-0.18	
Bonds - September	122.80	-0.07	
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LONDON COMMODITIES			
	12/1	12/8	Change
Cocoa (S) (LCP)	1072		+2
Collier (S) (LCP)	1573		-2
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SPOT MARKET METALS (US)			
	12/1	12/8	Change
Silver: spot	6.39		-0.08

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES			
	12/1	12/8	Change
Gold (Dec)	204.4		-1.9
Silver (Sep)	350.5		-0.077
Platinum (Oct)	586.8		-3.0
Palladium (Oct)	282.5		-2.45

High-grade copper (Sep)	0.7795	-0.009
LONDON METAL FIXES		
	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	291	+0.55
Gold PM fix	290.75	0
Silver fix	567	+3

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The bank's 1998 per-share profit is forecast to rise to NIS 0.98 from NIS 0.85 a year ago, according to a mean estimate of eight analysts surveyed by IBES.

Asia

Japanese stocks traded little changed, as investor optimism that conning premier Keizo Obuchi would pick a strong cabinet was offset by concerns he won't be able to pull Japan's economy out of recession anytime soon.

Obuchi is slated to win election prime minister today.

Even if Obuchi sets up his cabinet the real battle lies ahead," said Kenji Karikomi, deputy general manager of Daiwa Securities' equity division. "We'll still be buffeted by uncertainty."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 43.55 points, or 0.7 percent, to 16,158.09. The broader Topix index of all companies listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 2.2 points, or 0.12 percent, to 40.70.

Honda Motor Co. and other top exporters fell following a decline in US stocks, while brokerages gained on expectations joint ven-

The dollar has flip-flopped against the yen this week amid changing perceptions about Japan's new leadership. On Tuesday, the US currency fell more than a yen as traders saw Miyazawa as the best hope for solving the country's banking crisis.

Miyazawa, 78, agreed to take the position after meeting with Prime Minister-designate Keizo Obuchi and Liberal Democratic Party Secretary General Koichi Kato. He initially refused another job at the job he held from 1986 to 1988, a time when Japan's "bubble economy" was growing wildly. He was prime minister

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gasoline for August delivery of 77.7¢, to 41.4¢ a gallon on Nymex. The API reported that oil stockpiles fell by 1,000 barrels in the week ended Aug. 24, less than the 1.2 million barrel decline analysts expected. Unmet demand for gasoline fell 8.8 percent to 8.363 million barrels a day, according to calculations based on API figures.

Others

Copper for September fell as much as 1.55 cents, or 2%, to 80 cents a pound on the Comex. The New York Mercantile Exchange amid continuing demand in Asia will be rising stockpiles, offsetting consumption in Europe. Gas consumption is poor in much of

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Europe

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in brief

Henry agrees to coach Wales

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - New Zealander Graham Henry said yesterday he had agreed to take over as Wales rugby coach on a five-year contract.

The All Blacks assistant coach announced his appointment at a news conference after weeks of speculation that he was considering breaking his contract with Auckland Blues to join Wales for a reported £250,000 per year.

He replaces Kevin Bowring, who parted company with Wales in May by mutual consent.

"It is an opportunity to coach the game at the highest level, meaning international level and two World Cups in 1999 and 2003, and I didn't have that opportunity here," said Henry.

NatWest Trophy draw

LONDON (Reuters) - The draw for the semifinals of the English one day cricket Nat West Trophy was made yesterday and produced the following ties: Hampshire v Lancashire. Tuesday August 11 at Southampton. Leicestershire v Derbyshire. Wednesday August 12 at Leicester.

Galatasaray sign Brazil 'keeper Taffarel

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Brazilian international goalkeeper and World Cup hero Taffarel completed his move to Turkish champions Galatasaray yesterday, a club spokesman said.

Galatasaray announced last month they had agreed terms with Taffarel, but waited for the 32-year-old keeper to travel to Istanbul to sign the two-year contract for a \$3.5 million transfer fee from Atletico Mineiro of Brazil.

John Collins joins Everton

LIVERPOOL (AP) - Scottish World Cup midfielder John Collins transferred from Monaco to Everton yesterday for £2.5 million.

The 30-year-old player, who helped Monaco win a French league title and reach the semifinal of the Champions Cup, was hired by new Everton manager Walter Smith, who moved to the Merseyside club after a successful 10-year spell with Glasgow Rangers.

Under cover Campbell flies to Milan

LONDON (AP) - England World Cup defender Sol Campbell flew to Milan yesterday and his startled reaction when spotted by the media at Heathrow Airport prompted speculation that he was due to transfer to a big Italian club.

"Go away, just go away," the tall Tottenham central defender said when approached by reporters.

"I'm not doing anything so just go. I want you to leave me alone and just go away. Now."

After collecting his ticket for the flight to Milan, Campbell asked a member of British Airways staff to help him get onto the plane quickly ahead of the other passengers and she opened a security door leading to the aircraft jetty.

Holding a suit carrier up to hide his face, Campbell then hurried through to the plane.

Top English soccer clubs slammed over disabled access

LONDON (Reuters) - English premier league heavyweights Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool were criticized by a government watchdog on Wednesday for failing to accommodate disabled fans at their grounds.

In a hard-hitting report, the Football Task Force, chaired by former government minister David Mellor, criticized the clubs for building new stands without any wheelchair spaces.

"With the exception of Blackburn Rovers, most Premier League clubs have a poor allocation of wheelchair spaces and that includes clubs which have undergone substantial redevelopment in recent years," Mellor told a news conference "It is high time

that clubs treated their disabled supporters as customers and viewed the provision of facilities as essential and not as a luxury."

Even Wembley Stadium, the England team's home, is not up to scratch, Mellor said. Disabled facilities at Wembley "are, putting it kindly, not great," he said.

Yesterday's report recommended all new stadiums and stands have a minimum number of wheelchair spaces. It said there should be 150 spaces available in a 20,000-seat stadium, while a stadium with a capacity for 40,000 spectators should have 210 wheelchair spaces.

The Task Force was set up by the government to ensure a fair deal for football fans.

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Mets 7, Padres 3
At New York, John Olerud and Brian McRae each homered and drove in three runs as the Mets snapped San Diego's five-game road winning streak.

Astros 7, Marlins 3
At Houston, Sean Bergman pitched eight strong innings and hit a two-run double for the home team Astros.

Craig Biggio and Carl Everett each had a pair of hits and an RBI as the Astros improved to 4-0 against the Marlins this season.

Rodriguez 12, Pirates 6
At Denver, Larry Walker homered twice and had an infield single to take over the NL batting lead.

It was Walker's 18th career multi-

home game and his sixth against the visiting Pirates, who have lost four of five. Walker has at least two hits in eight of Colorado's last 10 games to raise his average to .340.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Orioles 6, Tigers 5

Eric Davis hit a three-run homer as the Baltimore Orioles overcame a five-run deficit to beat the Detroit Tigers 6-5. Lenny Webster also homered for the Orioles, who broke a two-game losing streak to improve to 15-3 since the All-Star break.

Blue Jays 8, Rangers 3
In Toronto, Roger Clemens won his eighth straight decision and Jose Canseco hit a two-run double as the Blue Jays handed the Rangers their fourth straight loss.

Clemens (15-6) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings, walked two and struck out four.

White Sox 4, Devil Rays 1

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Lawn bowlers stun England 9-2 in 1st Test

By NORMAN SPIRO

CAMBRIDGE - Any doubts of Israel's standing in the world arena were dispelled yesterday when they took to task England's very best bowlers, and recorded an unprecedented - and certainly unexpected - Test match win of nine matches to two.

Israel's three 20-year-olds shared the honors equally with their seniors in exhilarating performances by each of the six-man squad.

Jeff Rabkin won the Man-of-the-Match award with precision bowling which kept a capacity crowd spell-bound.

Israel started off well when they won the two triples. Cecil Bransky, Roy Jennings and Yair Bekier were

always ahead of top internationals. David Coder, Mervyn King and John Ottoway to win 21-13.

And once again it was drama for Rabkin, Chaim Shefer, and Assaf Iron. The game against world No. 2, Andy Thomson, with Lee Miller and John Rednall, was peeling at 19-11, and in an extra end, Shefer's bowl remained the winning shot.

Israel then followed up with all three wins in the pairs. Rabkin/Iron won 26-14 against Miller/Rednall; Bransky/Bekier after trailing 4-12 to Coder/Ottoway came through to win a last head nail-biter 21-19, while Shefer/Jennings had an excellent 19-17 win over Thomson/King after peels at 11-11.

Israel then in the remarkable situation of being up 5-0, needed only one win in the six singles games to clinch the Test.

Fittingly, it was left to Rabkin to break the tape first, when with glorious bowling he beat Thomson 21-13.

Adding insult to injury, Israel then recorded three more wins when Iron beat King 21-18, Bekier beat Miller 21-17, and Shefer beat Coder 21-17, after trailing 2-10. Jennings almost made it five wins when he led Rednall 18-15, but at 18-11, Rednall had three excellent bowls to win 21-18. Bransky went down 21-8 to Ottoway.

Israel will play the next Test today in Selby, West Yorkshire, and the last of the three Tests at Learnington-Spa on Saturday.

Red Sox 8, Athletics 4

In Oakland, California, Darren Lewis hit a three-run inside-the-park homer that was initially ruled a four-base error, and Troy O'Leary added a two-run shot as Boston won its third straight.

Yankees 9, Angels 3
In Anaheim, California, David Cone became the first 15-game winner in the majors, and Derek Jeter, Darryl Strawberry and Bernie Williams homered for New York.

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Tikva leads Hap. TA to 3-1 win over Finnpa

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

For the first time in their history, Hapoel Tel Aviv qualified for the first round of the UEFA Cup by beating Finnpa of Helsinki 3-1 (6-2 on aggregate) in the Finnish capital yesterday evening.

Some 20 Hapoel fans, out of the 671 spectators who turned up at Helsinki's Olympic 38,000-seat stadium saw the Tel Avivians repeat the result from last week's home leg.

Shalom Tikva ran the show yet again as he started this leg exactly where he finished off the home fixture a week ago - with a wonder goal. Robert Tazekli spotted Tikva inside Finnpa's half. Tikva rounded goalkeeper Kari Laukanen and shimmed past another defender to score as early as the fifth minute and giving Hapoel the lead and their first ever goal on foreign soil.

The veteran midfielder added in the second goal 13 minutes later when he pounced onto a rebound from Assi Tubi's shot to give the reds a comfortable 2-0 lead.

Tubi, in his second game for Hapoel Tel Aviv after moving from Hapoel Jerusalem, made it two out of two when he added in a third in the 74th minute with a spectacular volley after being set up by, who else but Shalom Tikva.

Finnpa's substitute, Oscar Geagea, who came in for Rei Linna in the 30th minute, scored a consolation effort for the home side two minutes from time with a low drive from 30 meters out, but that proved too little too late for the home side.

Riders disrupt Tour; Jalabert quits

AIX-LES-BAINS, France (Reuters) - The Tour de France sank into further chaos yesterday when the riders stopped the race during the 17th stage in protest against anti-doping raids by police on team hotels.

Frenchman Laurent Jalabert, cycling's world No. 1, pulled out of the Tour amid a protest by riders against a police raid on the TVM team hotel on Tuesday night and reports that further raids were planned at the end of yesterday's stage.

"I stop. I made this decision knowingly. I was too depressed to start the race," said Jalabert, who rides for the Spanish ONCE team.

Police in Lille said they were planning to raid the Once, Casino and Polti team hotels yesterday evening in Aix-les-Bains at the end of 149-km stage.

The 133 riders left in the Tour, which has been tarnished by doping scandals, stopped after 32 kms of the 17th stage from Albertville to Aix les Bains before starting again without their numbers. The cyclists stopped again about 30 minutes later.

The riders, shocked by a police raid in the hotel of Dutch team TVM on Tuesday evening, started the stage at half pace over just 23 kms in the first hour.

"We're going on for the public and that's all," said Frenchman Luc Leblanc, one of the leaders of the protest.

Overall leader Marco Pantani of Italy was among the first riders to tear his number off his yellow jersey.

"The Tour is over," said Manolo Saiz, team director of Spanish team ONCE, who apparently was ready to pull out of the race.

World No. 1 Laurent Jalabert, who rides for ONCE, returned to his car but it was not immediately clear whether he was retiring. The ONCE riders followed the bunch about five kms behind and Jalabert followed in his car.

The protest was apparently spurred not only by the raid at the TVM hotel but also by news that other raids aimed at other teams could take place in the evening in Aix-les-Bains, where the 149-km stage was due to have finished.

"We'll make sure that further (police) opera-



Yellow Jersey holder Marco Pantani of Italy (center) rides at a leisurely pace with teammate Fabio Fontanelli (right) and American Bobby Julich (left) as the competitors of the Tour de France protested against the French police's drugs investigation. (Reuters)

tions take place more smoothly." Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc told the riders, hinting such operations were planned.

"We don't want raids to be like last night when the riders' suitcases were broken and when riders were released in the middle of the night," said Tour No. 2 Jean-Francois Pescheux.

The TVM riders, who were taken to hospital by police on Tuesday night for dope tests,

decided to compete despite getting little sleep during the night. Ukrainian Serguei Outschakov was seen chatting with Pantani at the start, apparently to decide on a protest.

TVM leader Jeroen Blijlevens complained that the police treated them "like animals, like criminals," during the raid on their hotel in Albertville.

"Yesterday it was TVM, it could be us next,"

said Jalabert, who had led another protest last week in Tarascon-sur-Ariege, when the start was delayed for two hours.

The Tour de France has been rocked since its start on July 11 by two doping scandals involving the Festina team, who were kicked out of the race on doping charges, and the TVM team.

The Tour is scheduled to finish in Paris on Sunday.

Drugs forced British rider to quit Tour de France

LONDON (AP) - British cyclist Graeme Obree, the former one-hour world record holder, says the sport is infested by drugs and a "culture of the needle."

In an interview in the Daily Express yesterday, Obree said he withdrew from the 1995 Tour de France after another rider tried to persuade him to use performance enhancing drugs.

He admitted the offer was tempting for a new professional but he "stuck to my guns" and later withdrew because he didn't have a chance against the drug-users.

Obree's comments came as drug scandals continued to mar this year's Tour de France, with leading teams, doctors and cyclists either banned or under suspicion for doping.

Obree said, citing first-hand experience, that the use of performance enhancing drugs in cycling was rife. The 32-year-old Scottish rider was quoted as saying his career was great until a rider "came up to me to explain the facts of life on the professional tour" while he was in France.

He said the cyclist, who spoke good English, confirmed all the rumors he had heard about "the cul-

ture of the needle."

"I was to donate £2,000 into a fund for medical back-up as it was called," Obree said in the article.

"That, I was told, was a bargain as the system was to have the team pay another £6,000 for each of the 17 riders on the payroll who chose to take up the scheme."

"There was no question at all of what medical back-up was for. We were soon discussing the drugs required and the main one was EPO, Erythropoietin - a type of growth hormone which stimulates the production of red blood cells."

"The rider explained it was no big deal. It was the professional way and when I explained I was worried about death because of the way EPO thickens the blood, he said there were no problems" he added.

Obree said the cyclist explained that the doctors "looked after everything" ("the doctors" supervised the whole process and that was why the team owner needed to be paying for medical back-up, a real euphemism," he said.

"A drug that was undetectable, used extensively by some of profes-

Sosa, McGwire homer again

ST. LOUIS (AP) - They weren't typical homers for Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

McGwire hit just his second opposite-field home run of the season Tuesday night, increasing his major league-leading total to 35 in home St. Louis' 13-10 loss to Milwaukee at Busch Stadium.

McGwire's 408-foot solo homer in the eighth, which followed a grand slam by Ray Lankford, and sacrifice fly in the third gave him 100 RBIs this season. But it wasn't enough to beat the Brewers, who won the game on Darrin Jackson's grand slam in the ninth.

Sosa, who hit his first career grand slam the previous night, hit another one for his 41st homer of the season in the Chicago Cubs' 7-5 loss to Arizona at Bank One Ballpark.

"It's always hard when you're trying to do the first one," said Sosa, who hit 246 homers before getting his first slam.

Sosa, who has four homers in his last three games and leads the NL with 106 RBIs, became the 16th major leaguer - and second this year - to hit a grand slam in consecutive games. Mike Piazza did it for the Los Angeles Dodgers on April 9 and 10.

Reds 13, Braves 1

At Cincinnati, the Reds took advantage of visiting Atlanta's sloppy play and Mark Whiten's wildness to win for just the second time in 12 games.

Giants 7, Expos 1

At Montreal, Kirk Rueter pitched a two-hitter and singled in the go-ahead run for visiting San Francisco in a five-run seventh inning.

Dodgers 7, Phillies 3

At Philadelphia, Eric Karros and Raul Mondesi hit two-run homers for the visiting Dodgers.

Chasing Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs in 1961				
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City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Ariel	39/22	37/28	39/22	37/28
Beer Sheva	36/27	37/28	36/27	37/28
Dead Sea	43/10	25/7/6	43/10	25/7/6
Eilat	43/10	25/7/6	43/10	25/7/6
Hadera	39/21	27/7/6	39/21	27/7/6
Jerusalem	34/23	20/8/6	34/23	20/8/6
Katzen	39/22	18/6/4	39/22	18/6/4
Nahariya	34/25	24/7/5	34/25	24/7/5
Netanya	34/25	24/7/5	34/25	24/7/5
Tiberias	38/10	23/7/3	38/10	23/7/3

Weather (W): sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, showers, thunderstorms, rain, drizzle, snow, sleet, fog.

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Amsterdam	18/8	12/5/3	17/2	12/5/3
Beijing	30/21	24/7/5	34/23	24/7/5
Berlin	27/13	13/5/4	27/13	13/5/4
Brussels	19/6	11/5/2	19/6	11/5/2
Calgary	27/8	24/7/5	27/8	24/7/5
Chicago	26/7	17/6/2	26/7	17/6/2
Frankfurt	25/7	14/5/7	25/7	14/5/7
Hong Kong	33/21	28/20	33/21	28/20
Johannesburg	18/4	5/1/1	18/4	5/1/1
London	18/4	12/5/3	18/4	12/5/3
Los Angeles	28/8	20/8/3	30/21	20/8/3
Madrid	34/23	17/6/2	34/23	17/6/2
Mexico City	27/8	16/5/2	27/8	16/5/2
Montreal	21/7	11/5/2	21/7	11/5/2
Moscow	31/8	21/7/0	31/8	21/7/0
New York	30/8	21/7/0	30/8	21/7/0
Paris	23/7	11/5/2	23/7	11/5/2
Peking	28/7	14/5/7	28/7	14/5/7
Rio de Janeiro	27/1	17/6/2	27/1	17/6/2
Rome	32/8	19/6/4	32/8	19/6/4
Sydney	12/3	4/0/1	12/3	4/0/1
Tokyo	28/8	25/7/5	30/8	25/7/5
Toronto	27/1	11/5/2	27/1	11/5/2
Vancouver	28/2	18/6/4	28/2	18/6/4
Washington	27/7	18/6/2	27/7	18/6/2
Zurich	25/7	13/5/0	25/7	13/5/0

NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY

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ISRAEL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
Ariel	39/22	37/28	39/22	37/28
Beer Sheva	36/27	37/28	36/27	37/28
Dead Sea	43/10	25/7/6	43/10	25/7/6
Eilat	43/10	25/7/6	43/10	25/7/6
Hadera	39/21	27/7/6	39/21	27/7/6
Jerusalem	34/23	20/8/6	34/23	20/8/6
Katzen	39/22	18/6/4	39/22	18/6/4
Nahariya	34/25	24/7/5	34/25	24/7/5
Netanya	34/25	24/7/5	34/25	24/7/5
Tiberias	38/10	23/7/3	38/10	23/7/3

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Laver recovering from stroke

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Australian tennis great Rod Laver was doing well Tuesday after suffering a stroke the day before, and doctors said they expect a dramatic improvement in his condition over the next few months.

Dr Neil Martin, a neurosurgeon and director of the University of California at Los Angeles Stroke Center, said the 59-year-old Laver had suffered partial loss of movement in his right hand, arm and leg.

But, briefing reporters on the steps of the UCLA Medical Centre where Laver was being treated in the intensive care unit, Martin said: "It is impossible at this time to say whether he is going to have a 100 percent recovery. But I expect a dramatic improvement in his condition over the next few months." Martin added there was no question that

Laver's "splendid physical condition" would aid in his recovery. Earlier, hospital spokeswoman Lois Fletcher said Laver's medical status had been downgraded from critical, or life-threatening, to serious.

Martin said Laver, the only player ever to win two Grand Slams, sweeping all four major tennis championships in both 1962 and 1969, first started to feel the warning signs of a stroke while recording an interview on Monday with the sports cable television network ESPN on the century's greatest athletes.

"First he started having a headache, then he noticed he was having difficulty with his speech, then his right hand felt funny. This all happened in the space of a minute or two - classic warning signs of a stroke," Martin said.

Warne: I may never bowl again

SYDNEY (Reuters) - Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne believes there is a slim chance he may never bowl again. Australian newspapers reported yesterday.

Warne, 28, is two months into what may be up to a year of rehabilitation after undergoing shoulder surgery in May.

"It's a bit daunting to think that you may never play again. There is a slim chance of that," Warne was quoted as saying.

"The thing is no other leg-spinner has had the operation. The Australian said in November, 1996, that he considered quitting the game while he was recovering from surgery

to a his right bowling hand. Warne said he had hoped to be included in the Victoria Sheffield Shield team for the coming Australian summer and also to play in November's first Test of England's forthcoming Ashes tour to Australia. But was told it was "not realistic".

He said he was told before the operation that "if I had kept going I might have only had 50 percent use of my shoulder for the rest of my life".

Warne has 313 Test wickets but is in danger of being worn out after being Australia's most used bowler in recent years. He has already been ruled out of a tour to Pakistan starting in September.

US routs Brazil in world basketball opener

ATHENS (AP) - Wendell Alexis described it as playing before an intimate crowd of family and friends.

You could hear many of the baskets swish from 20 rows back yesterday, and the clangers rang out in every corner of the nearly empty 18,000-seat Olympic stadium.

This is the 13th World Basketball Championship, and it's a good thing there are countless signs hung to point it out.

"Now that we're here, there still seems to be a little uncertainty - on your part, but not on ours," said Alexis, one of the no-name NBA

stand-ins who led the Americans with 13 points in an 83-59 opening-round victory yesterday over Brazil.

Under different conditions - had there been no NBA lockout - opening day would have been a sellout at this site and at the 14,000-seat Peace and Friendship stadium.

Instead, the Americans played before about 500 in Europe's most basketball-mad country. Fortunately for battered Greek organizers - bracing for a modest loss after hoping for profits of about \$1 million - attendance at cross-town Peace and Freedom

was a respectable 10,000 drawn to watch Greece play its opener.

The Americans won with pressure defense, scored off an untemper offense as they forced Brazil into frequent turnovers, and overcame early jitters after slipping five behind after 10 minutes.

Nobody said replacing NBA stars would be easy. In their absence, the tournament is wide-open with seven or eight teams contesting.

Elsewhere yesterday, Miroslav Beric's 23 points paced European champion Yugoslavia's 80-66 defeat of Puerto Rico and

Lithuania and Russia both enjoyed blowout victories.

Darius Lukminius scored 20 points and Arunas Karnishovas added 19 as Lithuania beat South Korea 97-56. Russia had five players in double figures in its 83-58 win over Japan.

Spain beat Nigeria 80-68 with 14 points each from Alfonso Reyes and Julio Ignacio Rodilla.

Nigeria, supported by raucous chanting and drum-pounding, was led by M. Acha's 23 points. Italy's Senegal 76-66 without Carlton Myers, who was by a sore throat and fe

Prosecutors not yet involved in Becker tax

MUNICH (AP) - German prosecutors have no immediate plans to open a tax evasion investigation against tennis star Boris Becker, the chief Munich prosecutor said yesterday.

Peter Schlicht said city tax officials were handling an inquiry into Becker's taxes, and that prosecutors would get involved only after the tax officials present their report.

Tax agents this week raided about 30 locations linked to Becker on suspicion that he evaded taxes on millions of dollars in earnings. Munich tax agency sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the raids, first reported by the Munich newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

The agents searched offices and apartments of Becker's friends and sponsors on Monday, the newspaper said.

Becker, a three-time Wimbledon champion, the former No. 1 in the world and the country's

Davis Cup captain, remains one of Germany's most popular personalities. He is in semi-retirement on the tennis circuit, playing only selected tournaments.

Becker and his former manager Ion Tiriac are suspected of evading taxes on millions of dollars of Becker's earnings from 1990 to 1993.

Becker and Tiriac have denied the accusations since they first surfaced in February last year. Prosecutors never charged the two men, indicating they did not believe they had a strong case.

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung said offices of the German Tennis Federation also were searched. Federation officials declined to comment.

A spokesman for Greenpeace said tax agents also visited the Hamburg offices of the environmental organization to ask for any documents on possible tax-free contributions from Becker. Spokesman Norbert Schnorbach said the

agents did not search the offices of Greenpeace had no documents.

Tax authorities want to find out how much Becker spent in Monte Carlo where he officially resided in 1992 and 1993. Under German law, he had to spend at least 185 days in Germany.

The investigators believe he spent nine months for evading taxes on his daughter's tennis earnings.

The elder Graf, 59, was released April 29 after serving more than a year in pre-trial custody.

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